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Defiant commander threatens to refuse release of further hostages

Serbs now in firing line, says Rifkind

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

A freed British hostage is helped from the plane at Zagreb airport at the weekend

BRITAIN yesterday brushed aside a threat by the Bosnian Serbs to continue holding 260 UN hostages until Nato called off airstrikes, and warned them that they had "put themselves in the firing line".

Douglas Hurd said the Bosnian Serbs appeared confused about their intentions after their commander, General Ratko Mladic said there would be no further releases unless he received assurances that Nato would not use its air power. One hundred and twenty-one hostages — including 11 Royal Welch Fusiliers — were freed on Friday and Serbia had hinted that the rest would also be allowed to go.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, also took a tough line, warning Radovan Karadzic and his followers that they had made a "very massive miscalculation" in taking hostages. Not only had they incurred the contempt of the world, but one of the consequences of their action was the decision by allied nations to establish a rapid reaction force of up to 10,000 men to add military muscle on the ground.

"It is the first time in the history of the UN — over forty years — that UN commanders will have such a rapid deployment force, (and) the UK is the largest contributor to it," Mr Rifkind said as the first of the British contingent arrived in the Bosnian hills yesterday.

The establishment of the force — mostly manned by Britain, France and The Netherlands — was agreed in Paris on Saturday and President Chirac yesterday telephoned President Yeltsin about the decision. The two leaders agreed that a coordinated effort was required to end the war and Mr Yeltsin promised to put pressure on Serbia and Montenegro to try to find a political solution.

Rifkind: "UN remains even-handed in war"

William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, has offered air power to protect the new force, including attack helicopters and AC-130 gunships, and he said this would "make the price of attacking UN troops very high". He also announced that America would use new unmanned "drone" spy planes to monitor Bosnian Serb movements and provide an "intelligence coordination cell".

Mr Rifkind insisted that the UN was remaining "even-handed" in the Bosnian war. "We are not going to be involved in that war either now or in the future," he told BBC television's *Breakfast with Frost* programme. "But so far as the particular position of the hostages is concerned, the Bosnian Serbs inevitably have put themselves in the firing line so far as that is concerned. They will be treated in the way that is required to ensure the safe release of the hostages."

Mr Hurd said Britain's prime objective was to get the remaining hostages out. It also wanted to re-establish the UN's humanitarian operation and to work through Serbia's President Milosevic for a political settlement to the conflict.

But the Foreign Secretary admitted that sending the extra troops might not work, and that the UN might have to pull out — a withdrawal plan was almost complete and would be used if necessary.

He said: "The circumstances might turn wrong again, so that the UN simply could not do that job, in which case we would have to withdraw, the arms embargo would be lifted, the present uncertain peace — half peace, half war — would become a full war again. The war might spread."

The American ambassador to the UN also admitted that if the peacekeepers became unable to defend themselves, a withdrawal could become unavoidable. But Madelein Albright said that if that happened: "We see a humanitarian disaster — refugees flowing out of the safe areas, hunger and all kinds of horrible things."

As she spoke, Serb forces were again pounding a western suburb of Sarajevo with shellfire, killing five people. British peacekeepers in Gorazde were also forced into their bunkers by fierce fighting, and Serb troops launched an infantry, tank and mortar attack on Dutch UN positions at Srebrenica. All three towns are designated UN "safe areas".

In a further gesture of defiance, General Mladic refused to discuss the fate of an American F16 pilot who was shot down while on a routine patrol on Friday. There is speculation that he may be dead, since the Bosnian Serbs have not produced him and US intelligence has received no signals from the homing beacon in his flying suit.

Most of 121 "blue helmets" released at the weekend were in the Croatian coastal town of Split yesterday. The troops are to be returned to their units in the coming days, where battalion commanders will decide whether they should be given leave or returned to duty. It seems unlikely that the Serbs will allow the 11 freed Britons to return to Gorazde.

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Senior advisers urge Major to defy Europe on single currency

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR is being urged by close advisers to come out clearly against a single European currency, it was disclosed last night, as Britain again found itself on a collision course with Brussels.

Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, paved the way for a series of bruising confrontations in the run-up to next year's summit on the future of the European Union by demanding an end to the national veto in key areas such as foreign and security policy.

Britain would not be losing its power, he said, but "sharing sovereignty" in the interests of greater European efficiency.

While senior ministers and angry Conservative Eurosceptics insisted that Britain would not not compromise over the veto, influential sources disclosed that the Prime Minister was under pressure to adopt a far more sceptical position on Europe. He is being urged to declare that he would never recommend the adoption of a single European currency to the British people. He would back up this pledge with the promise of a referendum, if the idea should ever become a possibility, and make it clear he would campaign for its rejection.

The supporters of such a strategy, who include leading figures within the party hierarchy, say that with Mr Major's own position under threat from disaffected right-wingers, he has to take decisive action to head off a leadership challenge in the autumn.

"He has got to gamble. There is no easy road to salvation," one source said. "The vibes tell me this argument is being put more forcibly and getting a better listening inside No 10."

Advocates of the more Eurosceptic line say it would help to unify the party, bringing leading figures such as Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit firmly inside the fold, and wrong-foot the opposition parties.

However, other insiders predicted a further "tilt not lurch" in Mr Major's policy. They suggested that he would move closer to the sceptical position without risking a Cabinet walkout by figures such as Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary.

"He has not spent 4½ years painstakingly keeping the party together simply to do something that would have people resigning from the Cabinet," one insider said. "There are other ways in which you could convey that it is most unlikely that the Conservatives would join a single currency in the next Parliament."

Brave new Europe

With Britain taking an ever more defensive approach, some officials sounded as if they were washing their hands of the Major Government in the belief that an election could solve their problems.........Page 10

Mr Santer's intervention, during BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, came 24 hours after the two-day meeting in Sicily — the first of many to prepare the ground for the intergovernmental conference — at which David Davis, the Minister for Europe, opposed greater centralisation within the EU and the extension of qualified majority voting.

Mr Santer also infuriated Lord Tebbit, who appeared on

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School bus axe savings challenged

BY BEN PRESTON

SCRAPPING free transport for thousands of grammar school pupils would save £1 million less than expected, a report obtained by *The Times* discloses.

Essex County Council has slashed estimates of savings offered by the Liberal Democrat and Labour proposals to just £637,000 over ten years.

The figures, which will be seen by councillors this week, have buoyed parents opposing what they see as a vindictive campaign against the county's eight grammar schools.

Simon Burns, Conservative MP for Chelmsford, has challenged Liberal Democrat leaders who had pledged to drop the scheme if savings were shown to be "trivial" to keep their word.

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MP in road accident is urged to stand down

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR NICHOLAS SCOTT, the Tory MP for Chelsea who was arrested last week after allegedly leaving the scene of a road accident, came under pressure from local Tories last night to resign at the next election.

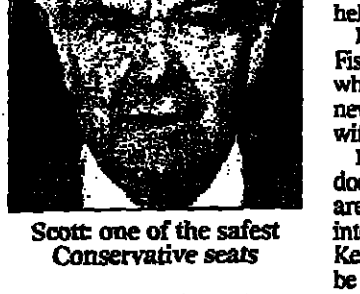
They said the former Minister for the Disabled could decide not to fight for the new seat of Kensington and Chelsea when his constituency is merged with Kensington under forthcoming boundary changes.

Rupert Cecil, deputy chairman of the new Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association, said local Tories were disappointed and shocked by the alleged incident in which a three-year-old boy was trapped between two cars. "After this incident I would have thought it might be likely that Sir Nicholas might announce that he would be retiring," he said last night.

However, senior party figures and friends of Sir Nicholas said that the former minister still intended to stand for the seat. They said the criticism being levelled against him simply reflected the bitter competition for what is likely to be one of the safest Tory seats in the country.

Sir Nicholas's Volvo allegedly collided with a parked car in Sydney Street, central London, as he left a Tory garden party last Thursday. The parked car was shunted forward and Thibault Perriard, who was in his buggy, was caught between two parked cars. He was unhurt but his father, Yves Perriard, and several other witnesses alleged that Sir Nicholas left the scene while the boy was still trapped.

Sir Nicholas, 61, was traced to a nearby address, breathalysed, arrested and later released on police bail. He will be interviewed by detectives at Chelsea police station next month.



Scott: one of the safest Conservative seats

Mr Perriard, who is Swiss, lives with his wife Annick and their two children in Chelsea. He demanded an apology from Sir Nicholas yesterday. He said a crowd had gathered as he tried to free his son, and people shouted for the driver of the car in the collision to help. He said that a woman in her 50s who was with Sir Nicholas had called them "French scum", and said they were "stupid" to call the emergency services because the child was not hurt.

The woman with the driver refused to exchange names and addresses, and allegedly kept saying: "What are you worried about? The child's not dead — he's not even English."

Mr Cecil said : "I imagine that people in Chelsea will be very disappointed about the whole thing ... He may realise now that the pendulum has swung against him. An incident like this will hardly help."

He said that Dudley Fishburn, MP for Kensington who is also competing for the new seat, could now be chosen without a contest.

However, if Sir Nicholas does stand down, other MPs are likely to throw their hats into the ring. "I imagine that Kensington and Chelsea will be one of the safest Conservative seats, if not the safest, in the country ... but it would be ridiculous not to go for the best candidate possible," Mr Cecil added.

Sir Nicholas, whose home is in Battersea, — not far from the scene of the Chelsea incident — was believed to be staying in the country yesterday.

Bitter battle, page 8

England to take on Wallabies

England beat Western Samoa 44-22 in the rugby World Cup in Durban last night, and now go on to meet Australia in the quarter finals.

Ireland earlier knocked Wales out of the tournament with a one-point win that secured them a match against France in the next round.

An understrength New Zealand set a world record, beating Japan 145-17.

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Cannabis grower freed

A 69-year-old champion flower grower has been ordered to leave his nursery after admitting allowing cannabis plants to flourish among his violas. Richard Cawthorne was given a conditional discharge after telling Maidstone magistrates that he thought a tenant at his nursery was growing the drug legally under licence.............Page 3

Call for company proxy vote reform

The GMB general union has called for a change in the law to prevent company directors using proxy votes from shareholders to back their own actions. It is also planning to take legal action against some companies over political donations.............Page 44

Judges get lessons in gay etiquette

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

JUDGES are to be taught how to avoid comments and off-the-cuff remarks that may offend homosexuals as part of a "human awareness" training programme.

All novice judges are likely to have to attend a seminar in which they will be told how to address and describe homosexual people. They will also be advised of the need to restrain instrusive questioning about the sexuality of a witness, litigant or defendant, and they will be urged to restrict reporting of names and address to protect homosexual witnesses.

The proposals, being drawn up by a working party under Mr Justice Potter, are part of a bigger training exercise which also aims to stop offensive comments in rape or sexual offence cases. They build on a racial awareness programme, which is run for all full-time judges in England and Wales.

There has been some hostility among the circuit bench, where the training is seen as needless "political correctness". But the majority, including the most senior judges, are behind the measures.

Martin Bowley QC, the most senior openly-gay member of the Bar, said progress had been made in combating discrimination within the legal system, but it persisted "at the very highest levels".

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Minisiters believe £500m will spring mortgage trap

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

SENIOR ministers predicted yesterday that for about £500 million it would be possible to to draw up a rescue package for more than a million homebuyers caught in the mortgage trap. One plan being considered is tax relief for all people with negative equity who decide to move.

John Major's Downing Street policy unit is leading attempts to draw up a package. One minister said: "We must get some help to people in mortgage misery. Homeowners are a big group and Labour want to befriend."

The Prime Minister instructed his advisers to review the plight of people saddled with negative equity in the wake of the drubbing the Conservatives suffered in the local elections last month. Tory MPs and ministers reported privately that dismay at the state of the housing market lay behind much of the middle-class flight to Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Several options, some focused on helping those whose mortgages are bigger than the value of their properties, and others intended to give a general fillip to the market, are under consideration. An announcement could come in the Budget in November. Ideas include tax relief for people with negative equity. The extent of their debt would be clear from their selling price and tax breaks could be given to help them to pay off their debt. A scheme designed to help all those with negative equity would be more difficult because it would require independent valuations and would be more expensive.

Morgan Grenfell, the City merchant bank, predicts that house prices will begin to rise again next year and begin to outstrip inflation from 1997.

The bank says housing is now undervalued and more affordable in relation to earnings than it has been in 25 years. But Morgan Grenfell's economists say that the price weakness will continue for the rest of the year due to negative equity and the squeeze on personal income from tax increases.

Stamp duty could be scrapped or suspended, to inject life into the property market. Such a move was attempted in 1992 but had little effect. There could be tax breaks for first-time buyers. The tax relief on repayments made on the first £30,000 of a home loan has been cut from 25 per cent to 15 per cent over two years. This could revert to 20 or 25 per cent for first-time buyers.

Plans to restrict the income support safety net for homeowners who lose their jobs might be abandoned. From October, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, wants new borrowers to take out private insurance to cover the first nine months of repayments should they become unemployed. His plans are opposed by the Council of Mortgage Lenders and growing numbers of Tories fear they will be another blow to confidence in the market.

Of the four options, extra help for first-time buyers seems the most likely to win the approval of the Chancellor as the Treasury comes under intense pressure.

A MORI poll for *The Mail on Sunday* found that 76 per cent of people wanted mortgage tax relief restored to its former level and 58 per cent thought that those with negative equity should be given tax concessions.

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Major faces new EU pressure

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the same programme, by saying politicians should "train" people about the advantages of closer European ties. He also demanded a swift end to the British social chapter opt-out. His remarks as an NOP survey for the BBC showed that 49 per cent of Britons said they felt "not at all" European.

Lord Tebbit, the former Tory party chairman, said Mr Santer talked "about training people to understand the benefits of efficiency. I talk about deluding people into giving up their right to self-government."

Lord Tebbit also rejected the dilution of the British veto. Turning to M Santer's insistence that Britain should quickly end its social chapter opt-out, Lord Tebbit said: "What does come through in Jacques Santer is the unconscious arrogance — the assumption that [all] this is inevitable, and that those who stand in the way are just a bunch of silly old fuddy-duddies."

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, who has been tipped as a future Foreign Secretary, insisted that Britain would not give ground on any veto. "That is a very fair summary. You do not feel comfortable with a Europe if you are having to change your own law without the consent of your own government," he said.

John Edmonds

Labour faces rift on wages

By Philip Bassett

LABOUR is facing further conflict with its trade union affiliates over a national minimum wage.

Proposals to be put by the Labour leadership to its National Policy Forum this week are understood to avoid mentioning a specific formula. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said yesterday that there was a difference between what the Labour leadership wanted and the current policy supported by a range of unions, including his own and the TGWU transport workers.

Current Labour policy is for a minimum wage set at half the median level of male earnings. Conservative Party leaders argue that this cost up to two million jobs, while Tony Blair is maintaining his party's commitment to a minimum wage — but emphasising that it must be introduced flexibly.

Ministers to be questioned over loss of £40m at private hospital

By Nigel Williamson, Whitehall Correspondent

A COMMONS committee is to cross-examine government ministers and officials on the financial collapse of a showpiece private hospital after it emerged that none of the taxpayers' £40 million investment is likely to be returned.

When the Health Care International Hospital on Clydebank went into receivership last November, Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, claimed the loss to the public would be £15 million. However, at a meeting with the receivers last week, it was revealed that the Government was unlikely to recoup any of the £41.5 million owed.

The statement by Arthur Andersen showed that the hospital had lost £18.8 million in the six months to November, and that there were no personal guarantees from the hospital's American founders. None of the money from the Abu Dhabi investment agency that took over the business is available to pay off creditors.

The news has increased the pressure on Mr Lang, who, with his predecessor Malcolm Rifkind, endorsed the government funding of the project. George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, said: "Putting taxpayers' money into a private project of this nature was ill conceived and it is coming back to haunt the Government. Ian Lang owes the taxpayer an explanation."

The National Audit Office, the watchdog of public expenditure, is preparing a memorandum on the full cost to the taxpayer. The all-party Commons Public Accounts Committee will question Mr Lang and officials from the Scottish Office later this month.

The Scottish Office had expected to recoup much of its investment in the 260-bed hospital and 150-room hotel by a business plan which envisaged the treament of 6,000 overseas patients a year. Five months after the hospital opened in June last year, fewer than 50 beds were in use.

Among the questions MPs will want answered are:

☐ Why the hospital cost £180 million to build, almost double the going rate.

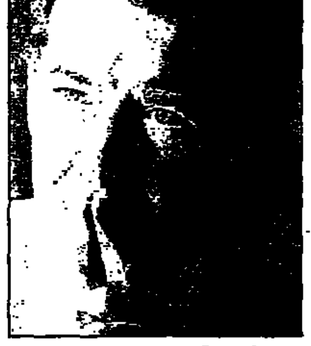
☐ What role ministers played in pushing through state funding against professional advice.

☐ Why the Government and the Scottish Office failed to monitor the investment and did not see the disater looming.

☐ How British Aerospace came to put £8 million into the hospital in return for a defence contract with Abu Dhabi, whose Government owned 5 per cent of hospital shares.

The Government provided the hospital with £18 million in grants and £9 million in other finance. The rest of the debt is made up of other state subsidies and unpaid VAT, income tax and social security bills.

The Scottish Office said: "There is a difference between government grants and unpaid tax. We are waiting to see what the audit office says about the overall cost to the taxpayer."


Lang: endorsed funding

Queen 'anxious' over the closure of Barts

The Queen is said to have expressed concern about the closure of St Bartholemew's Hospital, which has Royal links dating from 1546. She spoke of her regret during a private conversation with Lesley Rees, the Dean of the Medical College.

The discussion, which will be disclosed in a new book, *Royal Bounty: The Making of a Welfare Monarchy*, by Dr Frank Prochaska, reportedly took place in 1992 at Buckingham Palace as the Government was finalising its closure plans. "It would be surprising if the Queen weren't concerned about Barts," said Dr Prochaska, honorary research fellow at the Royal Holloway College.

Clegg sentence review

Lee Clegg, 26, the paratrooper jailed for life in 1993 for murdering a passenger in a joyrider's car in West Belfast, will have his sentence reviewed tomorrow. The Northern Ireland Life Sentence Review Board could recommend his immediate release on licence from prison.

Tax on alcohol 'too low'

Taxes on alcohol should be raised at least to equal the social and economic costs caused by excessive drinking across the European Union, a report by the Institute of Alcohol Studies says. It puts the cost of dealing with problems stemming from abuse in Europe at over £500 billion a year.

Rare horses released

Four of the world's oldest breed of wild horse, which is extinct in its native Mongolia, will be released on a 100-acre site of special scientific interest near Farnborough, Hampshire. It is hoped the Przewalski's horses will control weeds to allow rare plants and insects to flourish.

Greysteel inmates moved

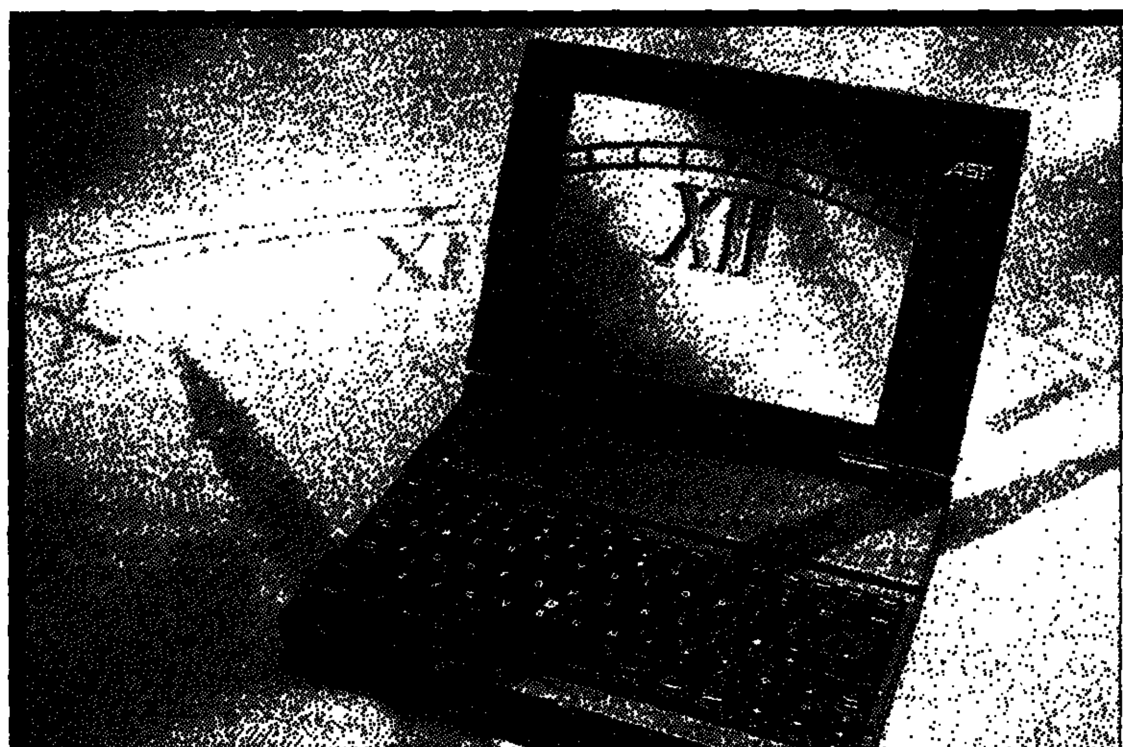
Loyalist terrorists responsible for the Greysteel pub massacre have been moved from the Maze Prison after a dispute with other loyalist inmates. Authorities feared trouble after the four men, with five others, objected to doves of peace being painted over UFF emblems in the jail.

Canterbury to charge

Admission charges start at Canterbury Cathedral today. Adults visiting on weekdays will be charged £2 and students and children £1 to offset losses. Cathedral officials say the move has been forced on them: visitors give an average 13p each, despite a sign requesting a £2 donation.

Jackpot unclaimed

Nobody won Saturday's National Lottery jackpot of about £8.7 million. Eleven tickets had five numbers plus the bonus number, and win £288,849 each. There were 517 tickets with five numbers (£3,841); 40,623 with four (£107) and 931,366 with three (£10). Winning numbers, page 22



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Gardening judge pities naive expert in cannabis case

By Dominic Kennedy

A CHAMPION flower grower, who taught the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince of Wales to shoot, was found with a flourishing crop of cannabis among his prize-winning violets.

Richard Cawthorne, 69, once gamekeeper to the Queen's equerry and deputy master of the household, the late Lord Plunket, knew what the neat rows of plants were but was shocked to discover they were growing illegally. He claimed he rented land at his nursery to a man who assured him he had a government licence to grow the drug.

Cawthorne walked smiling from Maidstone Crown Court with a conditional discharge and a few good-natured comments from the judge, but the incident has caused the nursery's owner, Lady Blythe, to give him notice to quit.

Tim Probert Wood, for the defence, said: "He has led a productive and interesting life. He was in the Commandos in 1943 and is a trained sniper, an expert shot. He trained members of the Royal Family, Prince Philip and Prince Charles, in shooting. He became a fur trapper in the Canadian Rockies and later gamekeeper to Lord Plunket, the Queen's equerry. We are not dealing with some fly-by-night here, but a man of substance. It is a strange and unusual case. A man of his age should be sitting down enjoying the fruits of his labour."

Cawthorne was accused of producing a controlled drug and permitting his premises to be used for the purpose. He denied producing cannabis and the charge was left on file, but admitted allowing his nursery to be used.

Mark Heywood, for the prosecution, told how drug squad officers descended on Lower Daltons Nursery in Swanley Village, Kent, in June last year and found a plastic tunnel over seven rows of cannabis plants, irrigated by hose pipes. Mr Heywood said the partly grown crop could have yielded 200,000 grammes of herbal cannabis and been worth as much as £800,000.

Cawthorne was arrested but maintained he was not the grower. He claimed he had sub-let the land to a man called Eugene McEnroe who had assured him he had a Ministry of Agriculture licence to grow the cannabis.

Cawthorne told Judge Neligan that he grew violas and violettas which he exported to Europe and had won top prizes at Royal Horticultural Society shows and the Chelsea Flower Show. "I am supposed to be the expert on violas," he said. The judge replied: "Modesty forbids you to say whether your reputation is correct."

Cawthorne said he did not ask to see Mr McEnroe's licence and did not have an address or telephone number for him. "I took his word for it," he said. "I did not assist with the plants but he asked me a lot about breeding. I told him that a government inspector came from time to time."

Said Judge Neligan: "Sometimes, sitting from day to day in these courts, one gets a fairly jaundiced view of life. Here comes this McEnroe man and says, 'I have got a licence to grow cannabis.' Did you believe him?"

Cawthorne, of Swanley, said that he did. Now he faces eviction from the nursery at the end of the year. "I understand Lady Blythe was informed of this offence and her lawyers gave me notice," he said.

Judge Neligan, who lists gardening as his hobby in *Who's Who*, said: "One sometimes comes across people who in some fields are experts and, blinded by their expertise, are naive to a degree which is breathtaking. If I conclude that this is one of those cases and what really happened is that an elderly expert gentleman has been taken for a ride, there could only be one answer in this case. Is a nod as good as wink?"

Telling Cawthorne during Friday's hearing that he could not disbelieve his story, the judge imposed a conditional discharge and ordered him to forfeit £80 he had received as rent from Mr McEnroe. He said, "To think that you will commit another offence is so unlikely as to beggar belief."

Cawthorne: admitted his nursery was used to grow cannabis but was amazed to find it was illegal

Car kills father carrying daughter

By Kathryn Knight

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD girl who was being carried on her father's shoulders when he was killed by a car was thrown clear and suffered only cuts and bruises.

Michael Rossiter, 38, was returning home from a park in Marsden, Tyne and Wear, on Saturday with his daughter Shannon Price and pet Alsatian when he ran into the road after the dog. He was struck by a car and catapulted into the path of another vehicle, which ran him over seconds later. He was dead before he reached South Tyneside General Hospital.

Police said yesterday that the child probably survived because she was being held up high. Acting Inspector David Ross, of Northumbria Police, said: "It looks as though Shannon was saved from injury because she was so high up and Mr Rossiter took the brunt of the impact instead." The dog has not been traced, he added.

Mr Rossiter, who was due to marry Shannon's mother, Deborah Price, 31, in three weeks, lived in a flat only yards from the scene. He has two other children.

Ms Price was being comforted by relatives yesterday.

Eagle blasted at close range may have been tame

By A Staff Reporter

POLICE and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds are mystified by the slaughter of a golden eagle in the Scottish Highlands.

Yesterday, investigations began into how and why it came to be shot in Glen Clova, Tayside. The adult bird was found riddled with about 30 shotgun pellets on the Clova Estate by an RSPB warden.

"It is an appalling thing to do," an RSPB official said. "We believe it was shot at very close range which we find strange. Why somebody would pretty obviously kill a bird and then leave it lying is rather puzzling," avid Dick, the organisation's investigation officer, said.

There is speculation that the bird might have been shot elsewhere and dumped on the estate. "It was not shot on its nest and there is no nest there. It was not an obvious place to find a shot eagle," Mr Dick added.

The factor of the neighbouring Airlie Estate is David Laird, chairman of the north-east region of Scottish Natural Heritage. "It is very bizarre. The opportunity to get close enough to an eagle to put 30 pellets in it must be very rare," Mr Laird said. "They normally give humans a wide berth and this makes one wonder if it might have been a tame bird. There is no proof the eagle was shot there and there must be a suspicion that it wasn't," he added.

Experts do not understand why other eagles, which are territorial, should have allowed this bird into their area. Two local eyries were checked and the birds found to be "very much alive and in good health".

It is the first reported killing of a golden eagle this year and the RSPB, Scottish Natural Heritage and the wildlife officer of Tayside Police are working closely together in the investigation.

Although the bird was found on Tuesday, it was not X-rayed until Friday, when its cause of death was disclosed. "There are a number of questions to be addressed, not least why the killing was done in the height of the breeding season," Mr Laird said.

A number of eagles are illegally killed each year with four deaths recorded last year. The eagle population in Scotland is 450 known pairs, considered to be small for the geographical area. "Persecution is one of the reasons why they do not spread to lower areas," Mr Dick explained.

Purists take new dictionary to task for 'dreadful' words

By Kathryn Knight

THE new *Concise Oxford English Dictionary* is published next month amid claims that it has become a record of slang, junk culture, and political correctness.

The ninth edition, which introduces 7,000 new words, including a sweep of Americanisms and terms of popular slang, was condemned yesterday for its "dreadful and unnecessary" choices. Critics are incensed by the presence of such words as *antsy*, meaning agitated and impatient, North American in origin and deriving from "to have ants in your pants". *Arvo*, Australian for afternoon, is also causing dismay.

Clergywoman, *acquaintance rape* and *glass ceiling* are seen as a capitulation to political correctness, defined here as "the avoidance of forms of expression that exclude, marginalise of insult racial or cultural minorities". *Teleshopping*, *debugger* and *swipecard* also irritate.

Michael Plumbe, vice-chairman of the Queen's English Society, said the dictionary should have a separate loose-leaf section for most new terms. "I deplore the inclusion of some of these new words, many of which I feel have been put there on a whim. I understand that lexicographers must note the changes that affect our language but faddish terms could be recorded in a separate form. Many are used by young people and simply won't stand the test of time." He added that by placing new words in the dictionary, lexicographers were effectively legitimising them.

An Oxford University Press spokesman said the dictionary was not prescriptive. "The purpose is to record language as it is and not how people would wish it to be. The *Concise Oxford Dictionary* is a document of current English and no word is included without evidence of established current usage," she said. "The editors do not make value judgments about words."

Inclusion is based on a search of publications. If a word is used in three separate publications then it is thought worthy of inclusion.

ANDRE CAMARA

Claire Barnes, right, deliberating on *Back Flip* by Allen Jones: "I wouldn't have it in my garden. In fact it's about the size of my garden"

The people's verdict on the summer hanging

By Joe Joseph

THE Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, which opened yesterday, is art by the people, of the people, for the people. Selection is brutal: this year only 1,168 paintings and sculptures pleased the hanging judges from the 11,000 works submitted.

So did the choosers choose right on the people's behalf? Well, that depends. Eavesdroppers in the gallery yesterday could hear confident Brian Sewell-style verdicts loudly glorifying or cursing a painting in two short sentences, each containing six adjectives. Or they could overhear opinions that the late Lord Clark might not have recognised as art criticism, but which Alan Bennett would.

"I don't generally like gold," said one of three women comparing two French landscapes by Frederick Gore, RA, "but I prefer the one on the left — even though it's got gold in it. The bit on the bottom of *that* one is a wishy-washy colour. He could have given it a little oomph."

The glory of the Summer Exhibition is that it is not dominated by Cork Street regulars: if everyone can be an artist, then every visitor can become a critic. A woman in her late forties, after carefully weighing up the strong reds and oranges of the large and convivial dining table that dominates Julie Held's *Supper*, told her husband: "Hazel used to have a table that big. Mind you, she never used it. Never used to cook. Not for *that* many people, at any rate."

"That's a copy of something or other," one self-confident eye said to an admiring acolyte. "You could turn out five of those a week ... Oh, I've seen the house in this picture before. But why have they put it under glass? I mean, it's just been varnished, you can tell ... What you need to get a work hung in here is a pumpkin or melon cut in half, a couple of apples, an orange and a couple of kitchen blades ..."

It's the unbuttoned mood that makes the summer show so refreshing; more Epsom Derby than Royal Ascot. "That's definitely my favourite so far," an elderly man said enthusiastically about Mark Shepherd's *Fancy Bringing That Thing On The Tube*. "It's beautifully painted, it's got humour, and it's got Christ in it. On the Tube. With his crucifix." Brian Sewell would have fainted.

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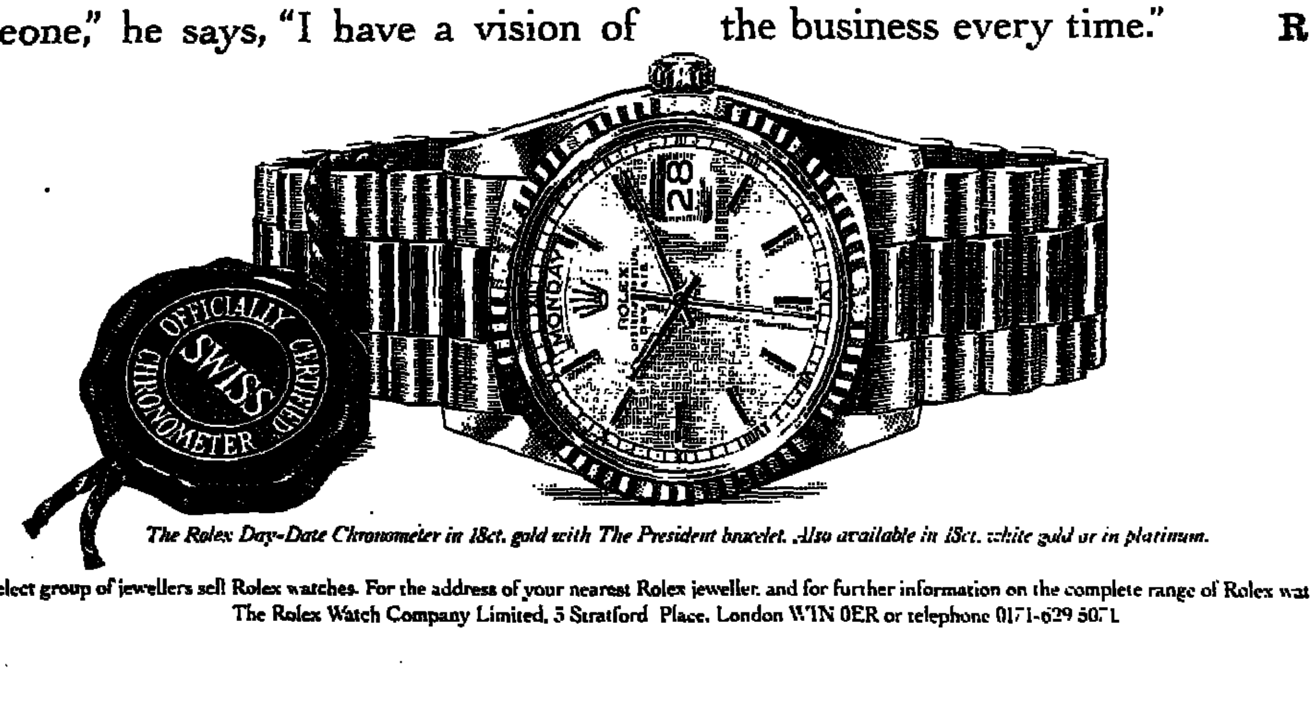

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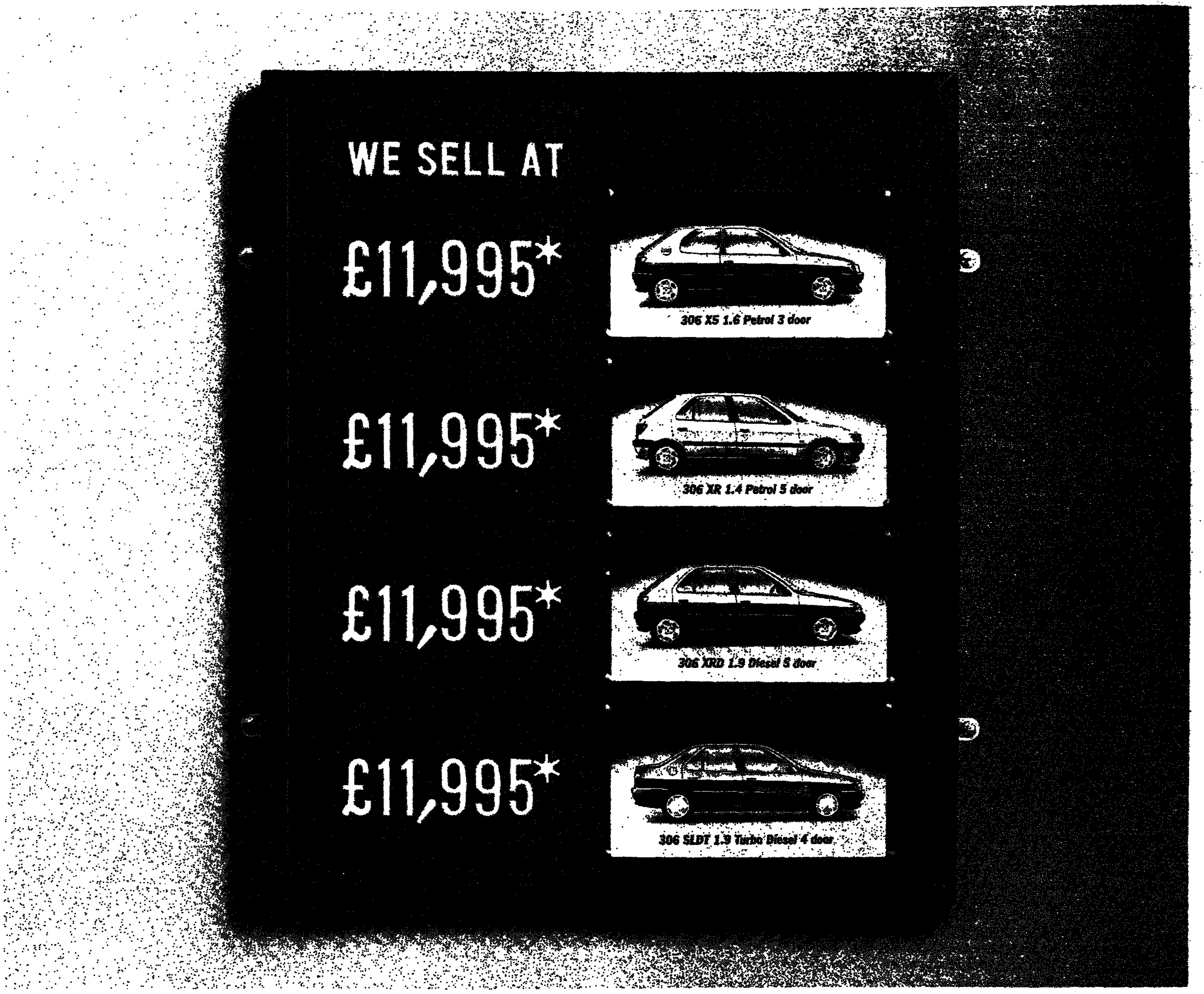

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Grammar schools accuse Essex County Council of betraying principle of free state education

End of travel concessions could cost parents £1,000

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

PARENTS will have to pay up to £1,000 a year for their children to travel to school if Essex County Council proceeds with plans to charge new grammar school entrants next year.

The council's Education Committee will debate next Monday whether to cut transport concessions for children who live more than three miles from their chosen selected school. The final decision is expected to be taken by the full council, which is controlled by a Liberal Democrat and Labour coalition, next month.

The grammar schools believe the proposals mark the start of a campaign to end selective education in Essex. They argue that the changes would affect children from poorer families hardest and effectively break the principle of free state education.

A report of the council's school transport panel obtained by *The Times* shows that the estimated savings have been reduced to £637,000 over 10 years — £1 million less than expected. Initial estimates of savings made by charging for transport to four schools in Southend and two each in Chelmsford and Colchester were last month reduced from £1.6 million to £1.3 million. Officials accepted that some pupils who would have gone to grammars would still be entitled to free transport to their nearest school.

But of the £1.3 million, the officials calculated, only £637,000 would be available as savings to the education budget. The remainder would revert directly to secondary schools, most of which have opted out of the council's control, under the common funding that governs school finance in Essex. The report shows that just £124,000 would be saved in the first year, with the total not exceding £500,000 until the next century.

Bernice McCabe, headmistress of Chelmsford County High School for Girls, said the projections showed that the annual savings would be trivial in comparison with those the council had hoped for. She said: "The question now is whether Liberal Democrat councillors have the political courage to admit they acted hastily and that the potential savings were exaggerated."

Mrs McCabe said a consultation exercise had shown that parents were overwhelmingly hostile to the plans. She said such strong feelings would not go away and she invited the council to consult the parents of primary schoolchildren who would be directly affected by the scheme.

Derek Hardy, the Liberal Democrat chairman of the Education Committee, said his party was not hostile to selective schools. He maintained the transport proposals offered worthwhile savings.

He insisted that the savings would total £1.3 million even though half of that sum would revert directly to schools and be outside the control of the Education Committee. He said: "We are in the business of putting savings into schools and maintaining their purchasing power."

Mr Hardy blamed a tough local government settlement and the Government's refusal to fund fully the teachers' pay increase for the financial squeeze. That forced his committee to make "many uncomfortable decisions" as it had to find savings of £6.6 million.

He said: "We are looking at all discretionary areas of our budget. We have already had to cancel about 2,000 discretionary awards for mature students to make an immediate saving of more than £400,000. The youth service, adult education as well as our flagship policy of nursery education are all facing cuts."

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DES JENSON

Dr Edward Crunden, the Liberal Democrat vice-chairman of education, supports the withdrawal of free travel

Lib-Dems deny cuts presage assault on selective system

■ The majority of Essex councillors behind the withdrawal of free transport themselves attended independent or selective schools. Dominic Kennedy reports

MOST of the Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors who voted to end free transport for grammar school children in one of Britain's biggest education authorities went to selective or independent schools themselves.

The majority also allowed at least one of their children to attend a selective or fee-paying school.

The proposal to withdraw free transport from children travelling to grammar schools in Essex has infuriated local people. One councillor, who has received 254 letters of protest and none in favour, said his postbag was typical.

The idea surfaced when Essex County Council began looking for cuts, supposedly to pay for the teachers' pay rise. The little-known education transport panel, which is made up of nine councillors and a Church representative, was asked to look for savings.

The usual duties of this working party involve walking along busy country lanes or through unlit fields to decree whether they are dangerous enough that children should be given free school transport to avoid the perils of the journey.

Essex is a sprawling, rural county whose eight grammar schools are all concentrated in the towns of Southend, Colchester and Chelmsford. This means that many of the county's brightest children face long daily journeys costing Essex council a total of £1.6 million a year. Some hamlets are so remote that the authority has to provide taxis to drive pupils to the nearest bus stop.

If the cuts are approved, parents will either have to find the money for transport or send their children to a comprehensive.

Pupils whose families receive Income Support or Family Credit are the only exceptions: they will still get free transport.

The panel debated the policy behind closed doors with the Liberal Democrats and Labour in favour of it, while the Conservatives voted to keep free transport. The recommendation will be considered by the education committee next Monday.

The Liberal Democrat chairman of the panel is Albert Smulian, 74, a businessman who was educated at the independent University College School in Hampstead, northwest London. He sent both his children to selective grammar schools. One went on to Cambridge University, took a doctorate and became a biochemist.

Mr Smulian said: "There has been so much said in the press, especially a *Times* leader, that this was a vindictive attack on the grammar schools. That's total nonsense because the only things we can save money on are the discretionary services."

Pat Bolger OBE, 76, a Labour councillor and retired headmaster, pointed out that there had been no alternative to selective education when he and most of his children were educated. However, his youngest went to a comprehensive after the system was introduced in the 1960s.

Rene Morris, 78, a Labour leftwinger and member of the Child Poverty Action Group, said that her oldest daughter had passed the eleven-plus and had a grammar-type schooling. Her youngest went to comprehensive. Mrs Morris used to declare a non-pecuniary interest when Colchester Royal Grammar School — one of those affected by the proposed cuts — was discussed in the council chamber; a younger member of her family was until recently a pupil there.

Edgar Davis, 69, another Liberal Democrat, was a London grammar school boy whose class was evacuated *en masse* during the war to Beaumont College where he enjoyed the use of the playing fields, swimming pool and rowing. He went on to become headmaster of a comprehensive school.

Mr Davis's oldest child began secondary education at a selective school but his other children went to comprehensive schools.

Keith White, 45, a Liberal Democrat who works as a translator and who was educated at a comprehensive, will be sending his daughter to a grant-maintained comprehensive as all the secondary schools in his area have opted out of local education authority control.

Joan Lyon MBE, 72, a veteran Labour councillor, allowed her son to be educated at Forest, a public school, and her grandchildren are at prep school.

The vice-chairman of education on the hung council is Edward Crunden, 63, a Liberal Democrat, who failed his eleven-plus, but whose parents, who were not well-off, made financial sacrifices to pay for him to go to grammar school. He left Colchester Royal Grammar School aged 16 with a brace of O levels. He went on to receive a doctorate in science and became a high-powered education adviser for Unesco working abroad while his children went to private boarding schools. Dr Crunden defends the policy of withdrawing free transport from grammar schools.

So does the education chairman Derek Hardy, 66, a Liberal Democrat who attended a selective school. Mr Hardy's children passed the eleven-plus but he sent them to a comprehensive to avoid a long journey to grammar school. Mr Hardy cited the case of one Essex child he says takes a taxi, three trains and a bus to school: "You have to make your own mind up whether a parent is right or wrong to inflict that on a pupil."

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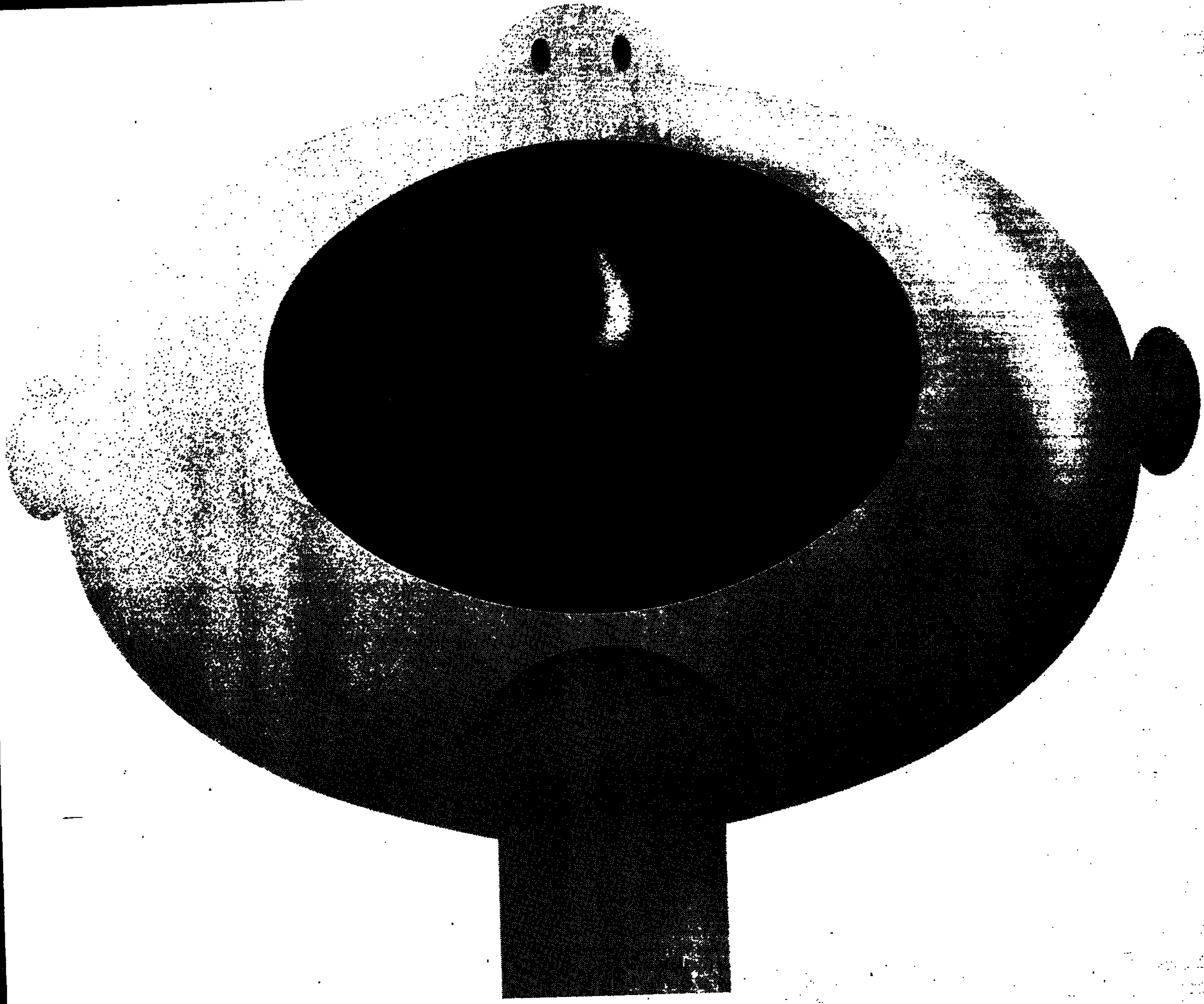

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Rural drug-takers use tranquillisers meant for pigs

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

DRUG-TAKING is on the increase in rural areas and some teenagers are resorting to veterinary medicines, it is claimed in a report published today.

The latest Home Office statistics show that the biggest rises in police drug seizures have occurred not in inner-city areas but in Lincolnshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Northamptonshire, the monthly magazine *Country Living* says.

Because the supply of conventional "street" drugs, such as cannabis, heroin and cocaine, is less reliable in country areas, drug-users are experimenting with substances that are more readily to hand. These include azaperone, a tranquilliser for pigs, ketamine, a veterinary anaesthetic and painkiller, and magic mushrooms, which grow wild but which can easily be confused with poisonous varieties. There is even anecdotal evidence, the magazine says, of teenagers sniffing the fumes from silage clamps, where cut grass is stored and allowed to ferment before being fed to cattle.

Azaperone is used to calm pigs and stop them fighting when they are penned together. It has a hypnotic effect and is highly hazardous. Use of the drug by teenagers came to light last year when someone sought advice from a drug counselling service in Bridlington, Humberside, on behalf of a friend who had passed out after taking it.

Alan Dean, of the Social Policy Unit at Hull University, who has studied rural drug-taking, says: "Young people in villages are no different from young people in cities. Some are risk-takers, some are not. And if they work on a pig or cattle farm, then they have access to veterinary products instead of street drugs."

It is not uncommon, according to Mr Dean, for farmers to treat themselves with animal medicines for minor ailments to avoid the bother of seeing a doctor. This "self-medicating culture", he believes, may have encouraged the transition to serious drug-taking.

At the Cambridge Centre, a drugs and alcohol advisory centre in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, counsellors have come across cases of young people using ketamine, a powerful animal anaesthetic. In humans it causes hallucinations and lowers the heart rate, reducing oxygen to the brain and muscles.

Martin Stubbs, a social worker at the centre, thinks thefts of ketamine occur when a vet leaves his car unattended while visiting sick animals. Unlike many other veterinary drugs, ketamine can legally be used only by vets and is not kept on farms.

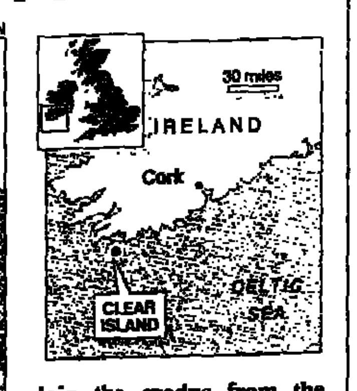
The biggest danger for rural drug-takers, the magazines says, is the threat of infection with the HIV virus through sharing hypodermic needles.

Dying Irish outpost seeks new recruits

Father Cremin: hard life

BRIAN GAVIN

Ed Harper: blind, he can "sense the beauty", but now has no choice but to leave



From Nicholas Watt on Cape Clear Island

DRINKING is confined to two small pubs, transport is limited to dilapidated cars, and Ireland's notorious weather frequently deprives islanders of creature comforts from the mainland.

Despite the drawbacks, locals are advertising for new families to settle on Cape Clear, Ireland's most southerly island, off the coast of Co Cork. Its population has halved in the past 30 years to 150, and islanders fear that unless they reverse the decline they will lose essential services such as the daily ferry to the mainland and their primary school.

There are just 20 children under the age of 14, and the school already risks losing one of its two teachers.

The Cape Co-Op estimates that the three-mile-long island needs 200 permanent residents to secure services and to fend off prying bureaucrats from the mainland eager to cut costs. So, spurred by the local priest, the Co-op has applied to Ireland's Rural Resettlement Agency to find new families to move to the Cape.

Life centres around the daily ferry service from Baltimore on the Irish mainland. Almost the entire population turns out as the boat, laden with post, food and, sometimes, cattle, docks in the small harbour. Islanders, who mostly speak Irish, load up their battered cars with the goods before trundling off along the island's narrow roads.

Locals are staunchly proud of their island. Ed Harper, 46, moved from Manchester with his wife in 1979 after falling in love with the island on holiday. He has been blind since childhood, but can "sense the beauty". He farms goats on a bleak hillside, but he will join the exodus from the island later this year. The ice cream business that supplements his income is viable only in the summer.

His neighbour, John Sawyer, 48, who moved to the island with his family from Dublin with 18 years ago, said the island has a special magic. "We don't have an art gallery here, but if you pick up a stone from the walls it would be as good as anything in the Tate. We are surrounded by art here; you just need the wit to see it."

However, Father Jeremiah Cremin, the island's priest, said that prospective settlers would have to think hard before moving from the mainland. "The island is isolated at the best of times," he said. "If you can't take the rough with the smooth you have to leave."

Council censured over grant 'injustice'

By Jonathan Prynn

BIRMINGHAM City Council was censured by the local government ombudsman yesterday over the way it distributed housing grants. The criticism centered on the lack of information given to applicants for the grants, worth up to £20,000 each. Some applicants had to wait up to three years while others jumped the queue.

Jerry White, the ombudsman, said the Labour council had been guilty of maladministration, creating "a sense of injustice" among applicants. The council, the biggest in England, operated a two-tier grant application system, involving an initial registration of interest and a formal application. By missing the registration phase, applicants who knew how the system worked could save years of waiting.

The Labour Party is investigating claims that members in the Small Heath ward were told by local political leaders how to get to the head of the queue. It was alleged that out of 250 "queue-jumping" applications, 60 per cent were party members.

☐ A law brought in to make inefficient Labour councils sell empty homes has been used against the Defence Ministry to make it surrender some of its 12,000 empty properties. The Empty Homes Agency exploited the legislation to make the ministry sell 142 properties in Plymouth.

Muslim prince preaches tolerance

By Ruth Gledhill

CROWN PRINCE HASSAN of Jordan yesterday became the first non-Christian to preach at Christ Church, Oxford, the institution founded by Henry VIII.

Crown Prince Hassan, the heir to the Jordanian throne, who studied at the college and whose daughter is reading history there, preached to a congregation of 1,000 people. He called for tolerance between Islam, Christianity and Judaism, which share common roots and aims.

It was thought to be the first sermon by a Muslim in an English cathedral, and received the support of the Dean, the Very Rev John Drury and the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries. But the event angered Christian fundamentalists, who called for financial and legal sanctions and for prayer to oppose the event.

The only interruption came as Crown Prince Hassan, wearing an academic gown, began his address. A male member of the congregation stood up and shouted: "Jesus Christ is the only one who can reconcile you with God."

Before the service one of the opponents, the Rev Bruce Gillingham of St Clements Church, Oxford, said: "It would have been better to hear a Muslim speaker in a neutral venue. A cathedral is a place for Christians to preach the gospel of Christ."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

When a man has to look his best

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

PLASTIC surgeons spend most of their time either healing bodies ravaged by injury or malignant disease; or correcting the grosser mistakes of nature.

Most publicity is given to cosmetic surgery, where breasts are reduced or enlarged, faces lifted, baggy eyes smoothed out or balding heads recovered. However, there are more serious aspects to aesthetic surgery: some people's deformities can cause enough emotional stress to affect their health.

Recently the first NHS operations to enlarge penises were carried out at the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. The surgeon argued that if women were mortified by the size of their breasts and were allowed NHS surgery to correct them, it was only reasonable that a man who was, for instance, too shy to be seen undressed in the bedroom or too afraid of ridicule to change in the sports pavilion, should be given equal consideration.

The standard operation to give the patient the appearance of a larger penis involves dividing the suspensory ligament that supports the organ, and inserting a flap from the pubis. The penis therefore hangs lower, is pushed forward and looks bigger, although there is no increase in its volume.

As the suspensory ligament has been divided the penis is less well supported, and so when erect may be angled to the body in the same way as that of an old man's. With increasing age, the suspensory ligament becomes less elastic and is not always strong enough to support a tumid penis.

After surgery, the patient will be happier with his appearance, but his performance in bed will be unaltered.

Contrary to popular teaching, size does matter; but it seems that too large can be as problematic as too small. About 15 years ago, prostitutes who attended one of the largest London genito-urinary medical clinics were asked their opinion. Prostitutes, it was thought, would not allow emotional involvement to influence their views, but would have considerable experience. They voted for average size.

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Boundary Commission proposals leave Government facing loss of up to 20 seats

Changes pitch MPs into bitter battle for new constituencies

By James Landale

TORY party chiefs are bracing themselves for a summer of bitter infighting as MPs squabble between themselves for new constituencies laid down by the Boundary Commissions.

Key seats held by Tory ministers and senior MPs are set to become marginal or even disappear under the commissions' recommendations for the next general election. Some MPs who are under threat will have no difficulty being selected for one of the newly created constituencies or seats vacated by some 27 Tories who have already announced that they will stand down.

Many other Tories, however, whose seats are disappearing, will have to fight reselection battles with friends and colleagues for the chance to stay in Parliament.

Every ten to 15 years, the Boundary Commissions for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales redraw parliamentary boundaries to allow for population shifts. Seats with large electorates are trimmed or scrapped, while smaller seats are topped up to about 69,000 voters.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has been considering the commissioners' reports since April and is expected to put the proposals before Parliament this week. Although the Tories will gain a few seats across the country, in many areas Tory seats will be cut under the Boundary Commissions' recommendations.

With too many MPs chasing too few seats, many Tories expect the battles to be bloody when the associations begin the selection process after "vesting day" — when new local organisations are formally recognised by the national party. "It's a myth that Central Office fixes these things," one threatened senior minister said. "Every person is on their own."

Dame Angela Rumbold, the deputy party chairman who masterminded the Tories' campaign for boundary changes, agreed that the choice of candidate was a matter for the local Tory association but denied that any MPs would lose out. "I have plenty of new seats and retiring seats to cover people who might be in difficulty," she said. However, the number of spare seats will be cut by former ministers who are looking for seats, including **Francis Maude**, **John Maples**, and **Michael Fallon**, who lost their seats in 1992.

As a result, some MPs will have to fight selection battles with colleagues — especially in London, where the Tories have lost seven seats — because the commission has been allowed for the first time to cross borough boundaries to create larger seats.

David Congdon (Croydon NE) will have to compete with fellow Tory, **Sir Paul Beresford**, the junior environment minister, for the new Croydon Central seat. Mr Congdon said. "We are both very clear that we have got to have a contest. It is unavoidable."

David Evennett (Erith and Crayford), and **Cyril Townsend**, (Bexleyheath), will have to fight over the new Bexleyheath and Crayford seat southeast of London. "It will be a fight between the two of us," Mr Evennett said. "I won't challenge anyone else."

Sir Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister and MP for the neighbouring seat of Old Bexley and Sidcup, has made clear that even at the age of 79, he will not retire to provide one of the MPs with a seat. **Sir Nicholas Scott**, former Minister for the Disabled and MP for Chelsea, is facing a head-to-head battle with **Dudley Fishburn**, (Kensington), when their seats are merged to form the new Kensington and Chelsea constituency.

Although Sir Nicholas is under pressure to resign following his arrest last week after being involved in a car accident, he made clear before the incident that he was not going to retire. **Norman Lamont**, the former Chancellor, and **James Arbuthnot**, the junior Social Security minister, have also been tipped to stand for what will be one of the safest Tory seats in the country.

Four Tory seats will be squeezed into three in Barnet, north London. **Sydney Chapman** (Chipping Barnet), and **Sir John Gorst** (Hendon North), appear to be safe. But **John Marshall**, whose Hendon South seat will disappear, faces a contest with **Hartley Booth** (Finchley), for the new Finchley and Golders Green constituency. "I am too young to retire," Mr Marshall said.

In the West Midlands, **Eric Forth**, the Education Minister and MP for Mid Worcestershire, could face a strong battle from **Peter Luff**, whose neighbouring seat of Worcester goes marginal. Under the commission's recommendations, Mid Worcestershire becomes very safe: it sheds some Labour-dominated urban wards to the new seat of Redditch and takes Tory rural wards from Mr Luff's seat.

On the South Coast, **Gary Streeter**, MP for Plymouth Sutton, could face a challenge from **Dame Janet Fookes**, MP for Plymouth Drake. Confusingly, Dame Janet's seat is renamed Plymouth Sutton and becomes marginal after taking on some Labour urban wards from Mr Streeter. His seat is renamed South West Devon and takes on some rural Tory seats.

A string of ministers are also affected. **Nicholas Soames**, the Armed Forces Minister, whose Crawley seat loses some key wards and moves marginal, could move to the safe seat of Horsham, following the retirement of **Sir Peter Hordern**.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, whose St Albans moves marginal, could take a look at the new safe seat of Hitchen and Harpenden. **Stephen Dorrell**, the Heritage Secretary, whose Loughborough seat also becomes marginal could head for the new and safer Charnwood seat.

In London, **Sir George Young**, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, whose Ealing Acton seat disappears into the new Labour seat of Ealing, Acton and Shepherds Bush, could be looking at Maidenhead. **Sir John Wheeler**, the Northern Ireland minister, whose Westminster North seat also disappears into the new seat of Regent's Park and Kensington North, is likely to seek re-election elsewhere. Although **Peter Brooke's** City of London and Westminster South seat takes some of Sir John's wards, Sir John denies that he will fight a reselection battle with Mr Brooke. "Only if he retired would I go for his seat," he said.

In Slough, **John Watts**, the Transport Minister, faces a difficult choice. Although his seat remains, in effect, unchanged, his majority is just 514. The neighbouring seat of Windsor and Maidenhead is being split and the Windsor rump would be an attractive safe seat. However, **Michael Trend**, the sitting MP, could choose to stay in Windsor, and not Maidenhead, thwarting any hopes Mr Watts might have. Mr Watts says it is his intention to stay in Slough "until further notice", possibly to capitalise on Labour's disarray in the seat over a women-only shortlist.

James Arbuthnot, the junior Social Security minister, says his Wanstead and Woodford seat is divided in three parts "like Gaul". Although the wards are shared among neighbouring constituencies, Mr Arbuthnot is unlikely to fight for any seats near by, and has been tipped for Southend. "I don't think it would be right for me to be particularly choosy," he said.

Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, faces little change in his Peterborough seat. But with a majority of just 5,000, he could be tempted by the new and very safe Cambridgeshire North West seat. **Norman Lamont**, the former Chancellor, whose Kingston upon Thames seat disappears, is said to be looking at two new seats, the Vale of York and Tewkesbury. Ironically, **Jeremy Hanley**, the Tory party chairman, gains from this as several Tory wards are added to his new Richmond Park seat.

In Manchester, **Winston Churchill's** Davyhulme seat disappears. Although it had been thought he might try for Altrincham and Sale, following the retirement of **Sir Fergus Montgomery**, he has not put his name forward. He might instead try for Stretford, following the departure of Labour's **Tony Lloyd**.

Keith Mans's Wyre seat also disappears. However, if the 70-year-old **Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman**, MP for Lancaster, retires, he could try for the new Wyre and Lancaster seat.

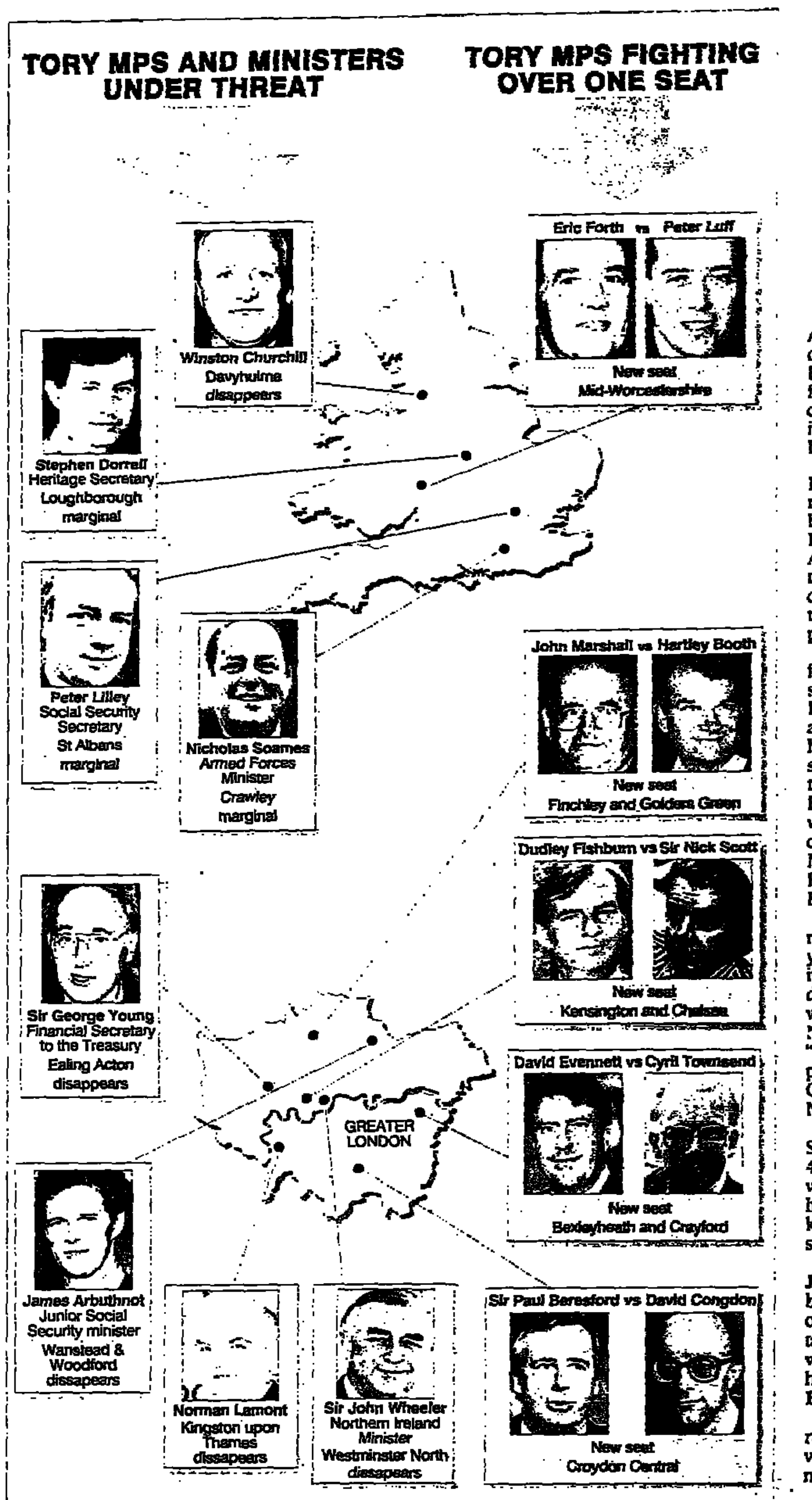
REDRAWING THE POLITICAL MAP

Every ten to 15 years, the four Boundary Commissions of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland re-examine parliamentary constituencies to redress any imbalances caused by movements of population.

Their aim is to even out the size of constituencies, *working to a target, in England at least, of 69,281 voters per* seat. However, there is growing concern about the way new boundaries are drawn up, and *later this month* academics, psephologists and experts from the political parties will attend a conference at Oxford University to re-examine the role of the commissions.

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, is chairman of each commission, but the work is done by a deputy chairman, normally a High Court judge, and two commissioners, *who tend to be barristers or senior local government* figures. As such, the commissions are politically neutral. However, all parties in a first-past-the-post system are affected if political boundaries are redrawn. As seats take on or shed voters, their political make-up alters: constituencies that were once safe become marginal or even change allegiance.

After the commissions make their recommendations, inquiries are held before independent barristers. The *Home Secretary then considers the final proposals:* although he has the power to modify the report, this is rarely done. The report is laid before Parliament as an Order in Council, a statutory instrument which MPs can accept or reject but not alter, and the new boundaries come into effect at the next general election. Some 450 seats are expected to be revised. Eight new seats — five in England, two in *Wales and one in Northern Ireland* — *will be created.*



Labour faces some losses in cities

ALTHOUGH Labour has done rather well out of the Boundary Commissions' reforms, keeping the Tory seats created down to single figures, it does face some losses (James Landale writes).

Birmingham Sparkbrook, Roy Hattersley's seat until he retires at the next election, is to be merged with Small Heath, Roger Godsiff's current seat. After allegations of malpractice among Labour supporters during the selection process, the local party has been suspended during an inquiry.

In Newham, east London, four Labour seats are being squeezed into three. **Tony Banks** (Newham North West) and **Stephen Timms** (Newham North East) have been selected for new seats, respectively West Ham and East Ham. But **Nigel Spearing**, whose Newham South seat disappears, is challenging **Mildred Gordon** (Bow and Poplar) for the new seat of Poplar and Canning Town.

Ms Gordon, 71, who has represented the area for eight years and doubled her majority at the last election, said she did not like having to compete with a fellow MP. "I respect Nigel a great deal," she said. "It is an awful situation to be put in. I don't like it one bit." One MP said: "It looks like Nigel will be the loser."

Mike Gapes, MP for Ilford South, with a majority of just 402, has been reselected but will have a struggle to retain his seat, which remains on a knife-edge under the commission's recommendations.

In south London, **Tessa Jowell**, MP for Dulwich, has been selected for the new seat of Dulwich Norwood, which takes in **John Fraser's** Norwood seat. He now faces a head-to-head fight with **Keith Hill** for Streatham.

Roger Berry has been reselected for Bristol Kingswood, which becomes a Tory marginal.

Bryan Davies's seat in Oldham Central and Royton disappears, as does **Mike Watson's** Glasgow Central.

For the Liberal Democrats, **Malcolm Bruce** faces a tough fight for his Scottish seat of Gordon, which loses some key voters and gains Tory wards. "It is not a safe Tory seat," he said. "It would properly be described as a Tory/Liberal Democrat marginal."

David Alton's Mossley Hill in Liverpool disappears; he could fight again but might stand down after 16 years at Westminster.

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Squabbling left over-confident Tories without seats when the music stopped

■ As Tories fought each other for territory and members, Labour imposed discipline in the ranks and reversed an expected deficit of 20 seats, James Landale reports

LABOUR's victory in the "battle of boundaries" was the result of a determined, nationally co-ordinated campaign, fought against a Tory party hampered by poor central direction and squabbling at local level.

When the Boundary Commissions began their work in 1992, the Tories were expected to win more than 20 extra seats to reflect the population shift from Labour-supporting urban areas to the Tory shires. Now psephologists predict that the Tories will get between just five and ten extra seats, leaving them under-represented in the shires.

New Tory voters who have moved to the provinces will be soaked up by existing seats because not enough new seats have been created. Nationally, it means more voters are needed to elect a Tory than a Labour MP. Some experts believe this imbalance means that if both parties won the same number of votes, Labour could have as many as 25 more seats than the Tories.

Labour has worked hard to turn the tables. Strict discipline has meant disputes among MPs and constituency parties have been kept to a minimum and many inquiries have accepted Labour's proposals. "Potential internal problems had generally been anticipated and neutralised before consensus meetings," one Labour memo said.

The Tories, in contrast, have suffered from local divisions and a lack of central organisation. "There wasn't a sense of direction in Central Office and from the then chairman, Norman Fowler," one senior Tory said. The belief that 20 new seats would be won made some Tory associations complacent and more prepared to ignore Central Office and fight among each other for territory and membership numbers. The number of Tory agents laid off to pay for post-1992 election debts added to the disarray.

Dame Angela Rumbold, deputy Tory party chairman, who has run their boundaries campaign, condemns the distribution of seats under the new constituencies as "desperately out of proportion", but denies there was a lack of leadership in the party's campaign. Local associations, she says, were given "some very determined and well-thought out leadership and advice". She concedes, however, that discipline was a great advantage to Labour. "Unlike the Labour Party, we cannot impose anything. We simply can't tell them what to do, whereas the Labour Party enforced its view right from the beginning," she said. In some cases, Tories had been their own worst enemies: "There were one or two associations who didn't help themselves at all by fighting on their own ground rather than following a more measured national party line."

Not surprisingly, David Gardner, the Labour Party official who has fought a well organised campaign at public inquiries up and down the country over the past few years, denies there is an imbalance. "The constituencies are in no way biased towards Labour," he said.

The chief mechanism through which Labour has gained is through the manner in which the new shire seats have been drawn up. Rural Tory seats often form what are known as "sandwiches": two seats which mix Labour-dominated urban centres between two Tory-supporting rural areas. However, when creating a new seat to allow for population growth, the Boundary Commissions have recognised the need for self-standing town constituencies and used the urban centre as the new seat's nucleus.

The outcome is known as a "doughnut": say, one safe Tory seat and one Tory marginal surrounding a new Labour, urban stronghold. The net result is the same number of Tory seats as before and a Labour gain. Even Mr Gardner accepts this was "certainly not unhelpful".

Rumbold: ran campaign

Fowler: partly to blame

Scott report may recall Commons

By Nigel Williamson, Whitehall Correspondent

SIR RICHARD SCOTT will make it clear today that his report into the arms-to-Iraq affair could be published during this summer's parliamentary recess, leading to calls for the Commons to be recalled.

The judge, who has spent more than 2½ years investigating what members of the Government knew about illegal exports of arms-making machinery to Iraq, is angry at newspaper stories last week that the report will not be published until October. Such timing, at the height of the party conference season, would add to the discomfort the Government is certain to undergo as a result of the report. "We are likely to miss Parliament rising in mid-July but we will publish it as soon as it is ready," an official said. "We are not saying we will wait until the autumn."

If the report is published during the recess, Labour may seek a recall of Parliament. The report is known to be highly critical of several government ministers.

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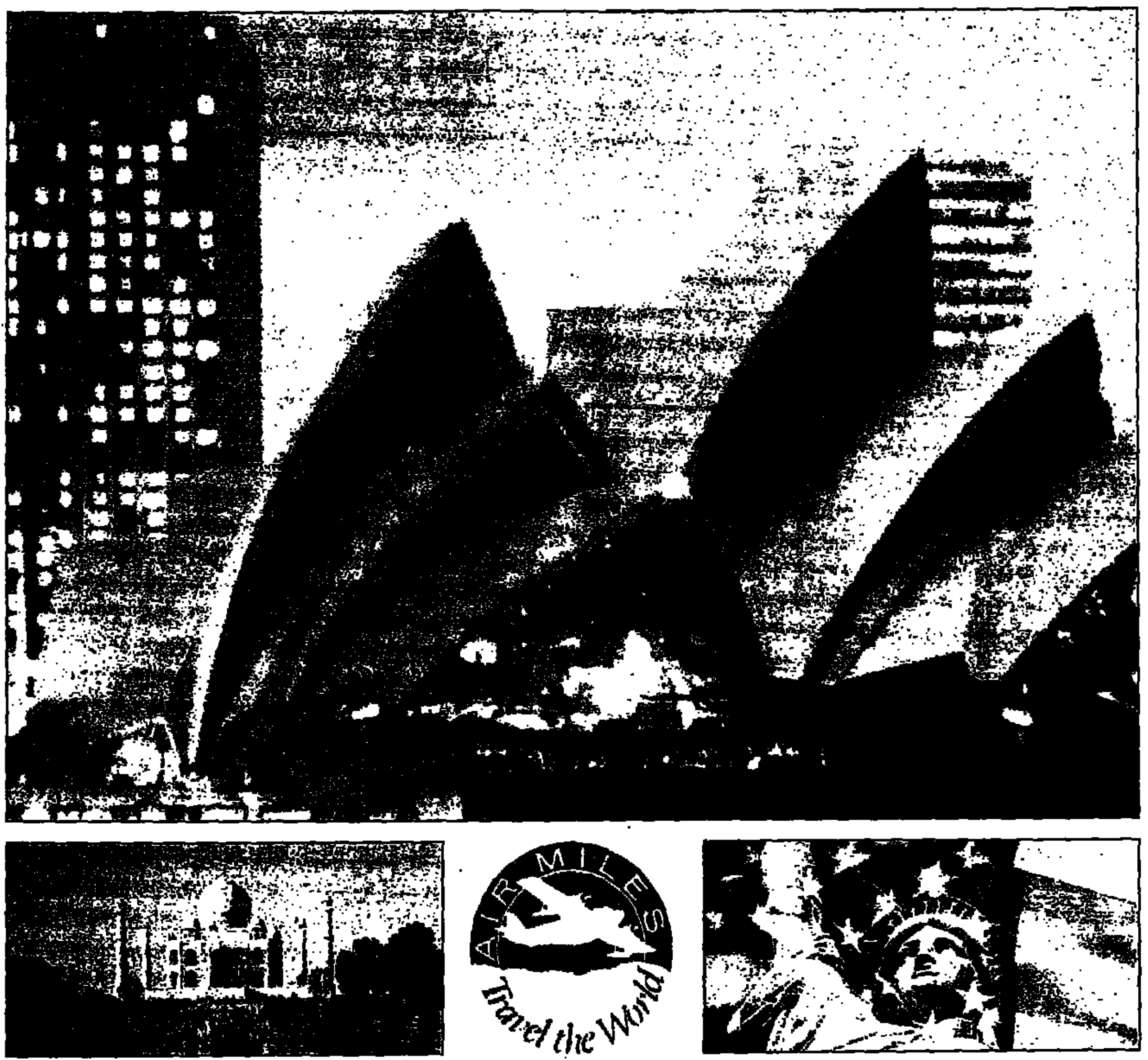

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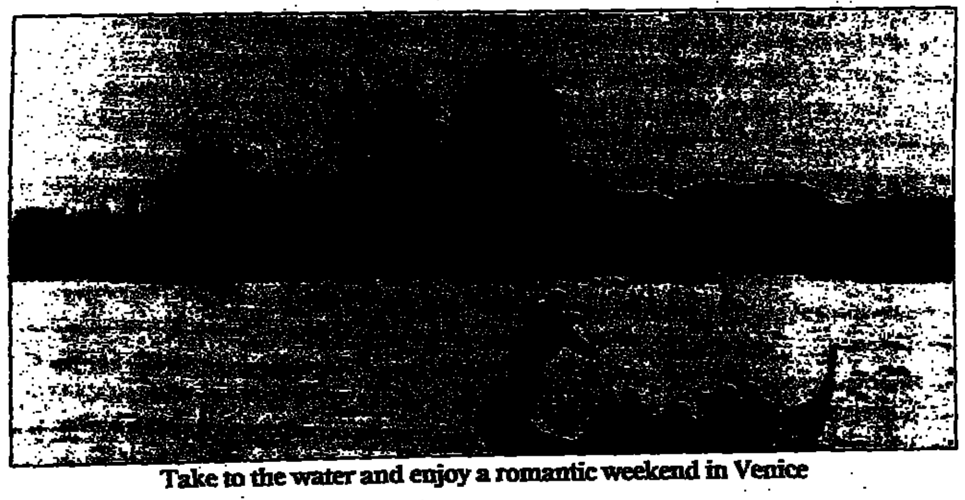

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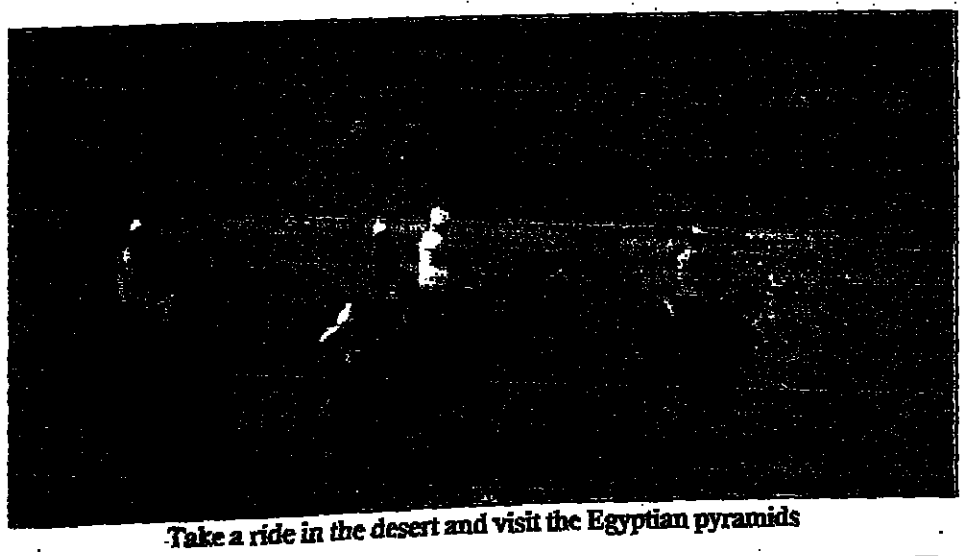

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Muti turns pianist to save opera

La Scala strikers ready for act two

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

MUSICIANS at La Scala threatened further disruption yesterday after Riccardo Muti, the director, coolly foiled an orchestra strike at the Milan opera house by accompanying singers alone on a piano in a production of *La Traviata*.

Signor Muti and Tiziana Fabbricini, who played Violetta in the Verdi production, received a tumultuous ovation from the audience, which included opera buffs who had paid the equivalent of £9,000 for a box to watch the performance on Friday night. It was the first rendering of *La Traviata* to be staged at La Scala in 25 years.

Sandro Malatesta, a trumpet player and the secretary of the Independent Federation of Entertainment Workers, said the 30 union members and 50 other strikers in the 135-piece orchestra had given 48 hours' notice of their action. But Carlo Fontana, La Scala's director, decided to call their bluff by allowing ticket holders to take their seats. When Signor Fontana appeared on stage to confirm the strike, irate spectators began hurling abuse at the musicians, screaming *"Ladri, buffoni, cacciateli via tutti"* (thieves, clowns, sack the lot of them).

Signor Muti then proceeded to calm and enchant the public and singers alike with his defiant virtuoso piano recital. "On the stage by the piano, I felt guided and dragged forward by Muti," said Signora Fabbricini. "I felt the exceptional nature of the evening; it was as if I were breathing with Muti. I abandoned myself and gave everything. The public understood. They applauded me."

Alfredo Vargas, the Mexican tenor who sang the part of Alfredo, said: "The image of Italy was at stake. I was truly upset by those protests. However, it ended well. If the maestro Muti had not done something, I would have come out and sung *'O sole mio'*."

Signor Muti called for reconciliation between management and musicians to safeguard the future of the opera house. "We all lost; there were no winners," he said. "It was one of the saddest evenings of Italian musical life. Last night I did not sleep a wink. I passed hours and hours of profound sadness."

Stefano Curci, 31, the French horn player and union spokesman, said the orchestra would stage strikes at other key dates in La Scala's programme, including a performance of *Falstaff*, which Signor Muti is hoping to direct on Wednesday night, and *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* on July 1, unless the musicians are given a pay rise. "We are fed up. We can't take any more ... we earn less than a plumber or a taxi driver," he said. Musicians at La Scala earn a basic net monthly salary of 2.7 million lire (£1,100).

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Riccardo Muti, who swapped baton for keyboard. "We all lost; there were no winners"

Dreams of brave new Europe fail to move Britain

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN TAORMINA, SICILY

GRIM British resolve collided with dreams of a brave new Europe on a Sicilian hillside over the weekend as governments started up the machinery to shape the European Union of the 21st century.

David Davis, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, laid down a hard British line for Europeans gathered in the idyllic surroundings of an ancient convent, now a hotel, to open preparations for next year's inter-governmental review of the Maastricht treaty.

Mr Davis made it clear to colleagues on the new Reflection Group that Britain would oppose handing any new powers to Europe, and in particular would refuse to give up the veto in favour of more majority voting in new areas. "I told them we have to get away from the view that qualified majority voting would be the answer to our problems," he said. It was also far too early to consider giving more say to the European Parliament. He voiced the Government's minimalist view of the Maastricht revamp, saying *"We do not need* a massive overhaul of the Maastricht structure", and adding that only 18 months since ratification, the peoples of Europe would be bewildered by more than a modest retuning. Although there was nothing especially new in Britain's stance, and other countries share its reservations in varying degree, Mr Davis's categorical line caused surprise because the group is not negotiating but only starting to sketch out options for the inter-governmental conference to be held next year.

With Britain taking an ever more defensive approach, some European officials sounded as if they were washing their hands of the Major Government in the belief that a British election could solve their problems, assuming the Maastricht review runs into mid-1997. Elisabeth Guigou, the former French minister who represents the European Parliament on the group, said that efforts to reshape Maastricht should not be held up by British politics. "It's entirely Mr Davis's problem. It's not up to us to get involved in it," she said. A blanket refusal to contemplate majority voting made a mockery of the quest for a common foreign and security policy.

However, Werner Hoyer, the German minister in the group, played down the approach of the Euro-sceptical British junior minister, saying: "He did not turn up here to block anything."

Thanks to history, Britain's qualms about Europe were the constant background theme through a weekend which started in Messina with a salute to the conference there in 1955 that gave birth to the Common Market. The Government of Anthony Eden dismissed the effort as a waste of time.

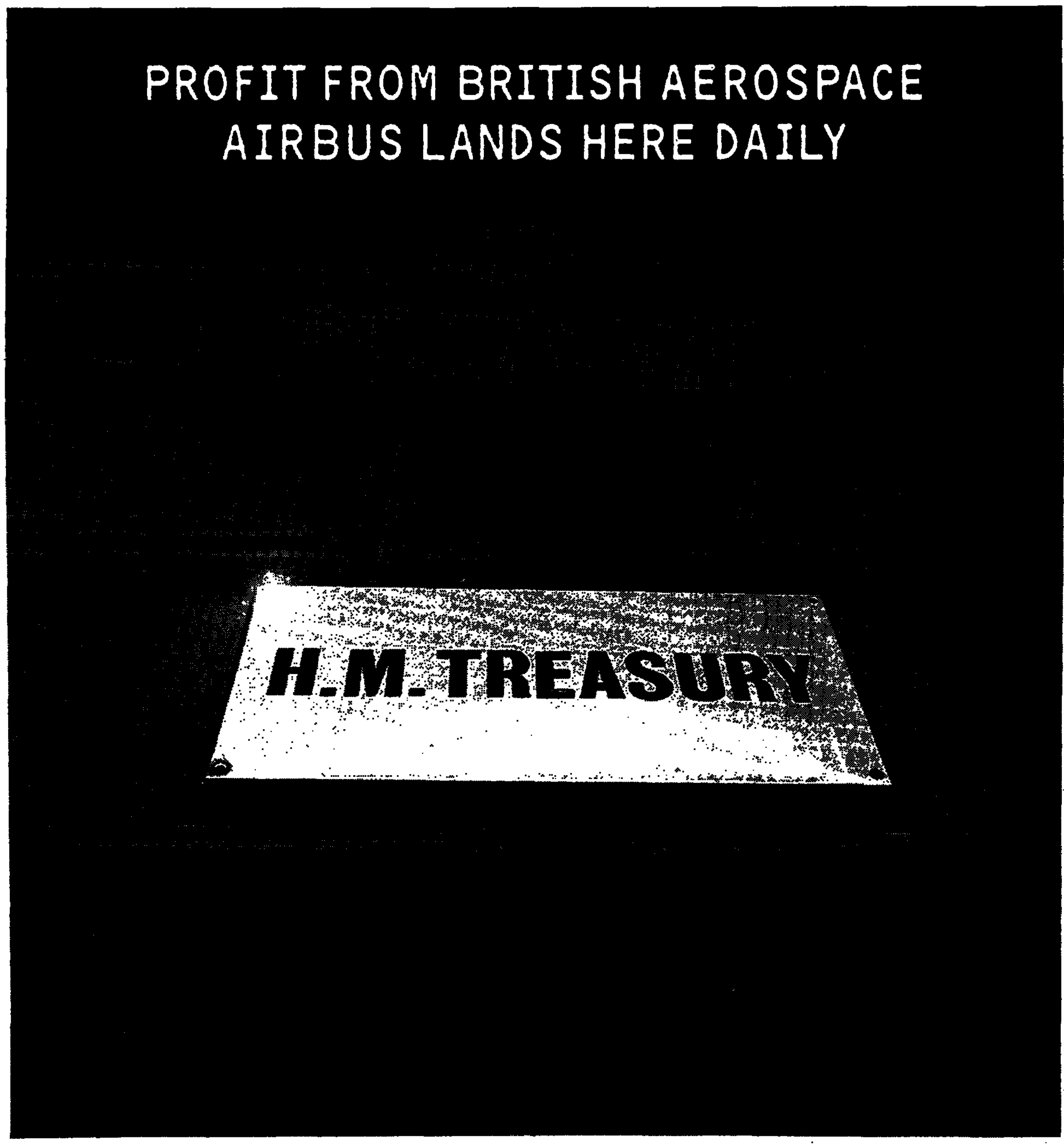
Gleefully quoted by everyone over the weekend was the put-down by Russell Bretherton, the trade official sent by London as an observer in 1955. "I leave Messina happy because even if you continue meeting, you will not agree. Even if you agree, nothing will result; and even if something results, it will be a disaster." Douglas Hurd said Britain's approach now had nothing in common with its "patronising and pessimistic" attitude of 1955, but the memory offered a handy contrast at the weekend to the advocates of another visionary advance in Europe rather than the mere tidying-up in preparation for enlargement that Britain wants.

The big-leap school was given voice, for example, by Suzanna Agnelli, the Italian host minister, who said that Europe "must above all be a political and intellectual adventure". France's Gaullist Government, which is closer to Britain than the Mitterrand administration when it comes to emphasising sovereignty, joined heartily in the visionary approach to Europe. "We have to be the founding fathers of the new Europe," said Hervé de Charette, the Foreign Minister.

But while Britain was cast in its usual role of wet blanket, its reservations over the danger of running ahead of public opinion were shared even by ardent enthusiasts such as Spain and Italy. Carlos Westendorp, the Spanish chairman of the Reflection Group, noted that the conference next year must explain every step. "The real discussion is whether there is further integration or disintegration ... in the end, we run the risk of having Gruyère cheese full of holes."

Attack on 'isolation'

Bonn: Britain is becoming increasingly isolated in Europe, according to Karl Lamers, the top European strategist of Germany's ruling Christian Democratic Party. In an interview with *Der Spiegel* magazine, published today, Herr Lamers said that Britain would soon have to change course on Europe and he cast doubt on whether the British should still be enjoying an EU budget rebate.



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British scientists attack Chinese 'eugenics law'

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

BRITISH geneticists have denounced a new Chinese law aimed at controlling the number of disabled children born.

The law, which came into effect last Thursday, is "an undisguised embodiment of eugenic principles", a group of the geneticists say in a letter to *The Times* today. Such ideas "have had a disastrous history in the West", they say, urging the People's Congress to think again.

Under the law, people diagnosed with some genetic diseases will not be permitted to marry unless they agree to be sterilised or are given long-term contraception, the nature of which is unspecified. The law also implies that parents who have had an abnormal child may be forced to terminate future pregnancies.

Professor John Burn of Newcastle University, one of the signatories of the letter, which represents the views of the Clinical Genetics Society, says that, as far as he is concerned, the new law "crosses the Rubicon", adding: "There are many positive aspects to the law, and I suspect that the people who have drafted it have done so with good will, but at least two articles in it wouldn't pass muster this side of the world. We're having none of it."

Professor Burn says it would be premature to talk of breaking off professional relations with China over the issue, but that may be considered in future. "We are hoping to engage in dialogue with the Chinese," he says. "We'd like to try to make them think again."

The two Articles in the Law on Maternal and Infant Healthcare that concern the British geneticists cover premarital check-ups and healthcare during a woman's child-bearing years. Article 10 states that doctors carrying out the pre-marital check-up "shall explain and give medical advice to both the male and the female who have been diagnosed with certain genetic diseases of a serious nature which is considered to be inappropriate for child-bearing from a medical point of view".

Article 16 is vaguer, saying that if a doctor suspects that a fertile married couple have a genetic disease of a serious nature, the couple "shall take measures in accordance with the physician's medical advice". Professor Burn and his colleagues believe that, taken in conjunction with Article 10, this implies an obligation to make a prenatal diagnosis and possibly end the pregnancy.

Chen Minzhang, the Chinese Health Minister, has said that the new law is designed to target genetic diseases that "may totally or partially prevent the victim from living independently". In China, this might include conditions as common as a harelip and cleft palate, which often go uncorrected because the parents of affected children cannot afford the operation to cure them.

Also, children born with disabilities are often abandoned by their parents. The Government says it would be better if such children were not born, but geneticists argue that this is impossible. Many defects arise spontaneously, and everybody carries hidden genetic defects that have no effect unless they marry somebody with the same defect. Having one disabled child in such circumstances does not mean the next will also be disabled.

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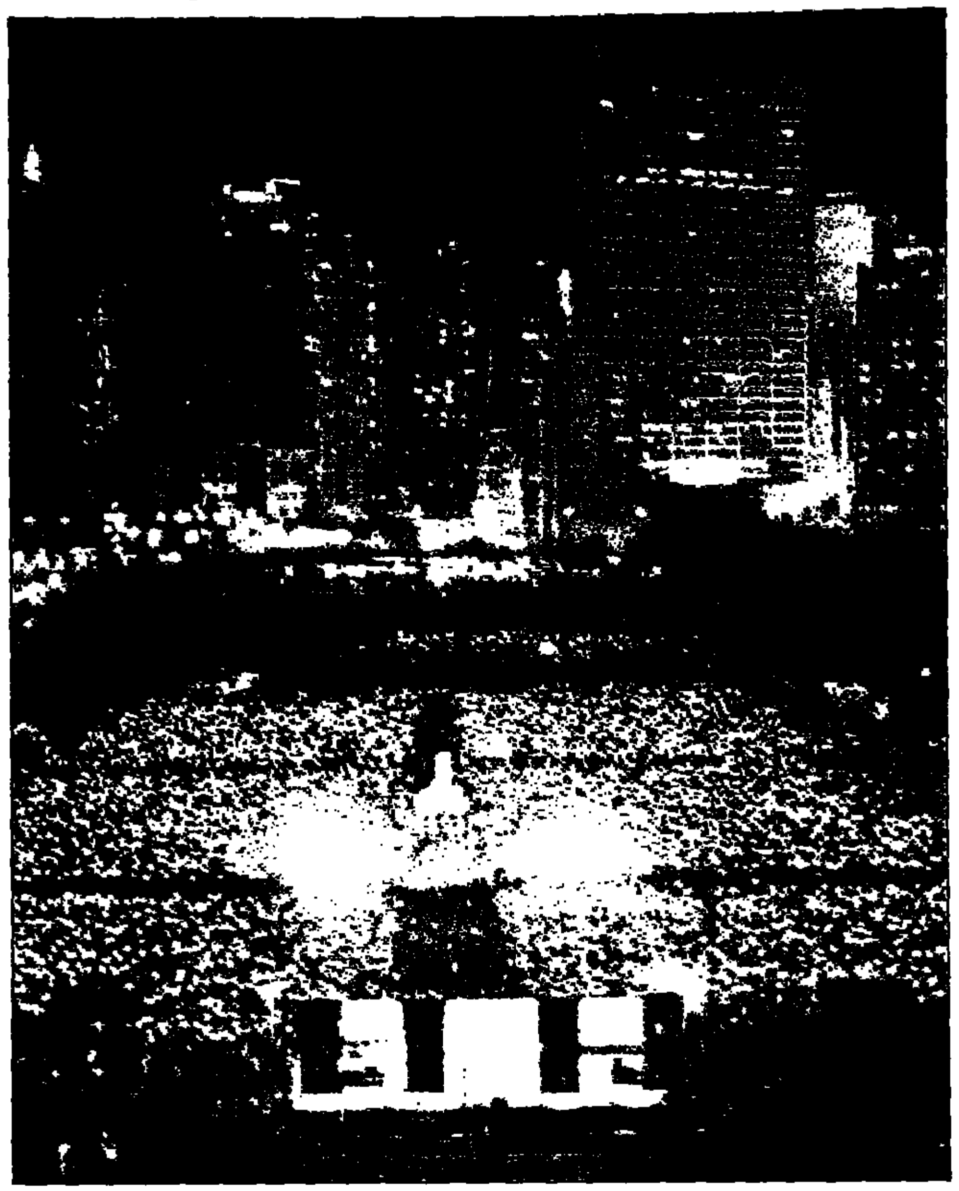
UN history 'censored'

Washington: The editor of an official history of the United Nations has criticised the volume, saying UN officials demanded that references to Taiwan and the Dalai Lama be removed, a report said.

Jonathan Power, an international affairs columnist who compiled *A Vision of Hope*, said UN officials demanded more than 40 cuts, according to *US News and World Report*. The references to Tibet's spiritual leader and Taiwan were apparently cut in deference to Peking. Mr Power called the excisions "intellectual cleansing" and said the half-dozen authors of the book — due out this summer to mark the UN's fiftieth anniversary — withdrew their names.

He also wrote to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, saying the cuts "made the book dishonest". A UN official denied there had been censorship. *(AFP)*



Thousands gather in Hong Kong last night to mark the Peking massacre anniversary

Security net keeps Peking in order

From James Pringle
in Peking

THE sixth anniversary of the brutal crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square passed quietly under tight security yesterday. The Peking square was open to Chinese and foreign tourists, but bars and restaurants were banned from holding large gatherings.

While strict police measures prevented any serious unrest, diplomats say the underlying tensions indicated that the ideological battle lines have been drawn for the era that will follow the death of Deng Xiaoping, China's frail paramount leader.

In the past few weeks, eight petitions signed by more than 100 scientists, intellectuals and human rights activists have urged President Jiang Zemin, who is seeking to impose his authority, to reassess what happened in 1989 and to allow greater freedom.

Many of those who ordered the troops to fire on the pro-democracy demonstrators, killing hundreds of protesters, have been eased aside by Mr Jiang, although Li Peng is still Prime Minister.

Harvard scholar says Jung was fraud

From Ben Macintyre
in New York

CARL JUNG, a founding father of psychoanalysis, falsified evidence to promote his theories, according to a Harvard University scholar, who claims the Jung family has blocked access to archives that would prove the Swiss psychologist was a fraud.

Richard Noll, 35, a prize-winning academic, alleges that Jung was "the most influential liar of the 20th century". At stake is not merely the reputation of a renowned thinker, but a lucrative industry based on Jungian analysis.

The dispute centres on a psychoanalytical case known as Solar Phallus Man. In 1909, one of Jung's assistants, J. J. Honegger, interviewed a male patient who reported seeing visions of the sun with a phallus. Citing similar images in the ancient Greek cult of the god Mithras, Jung seized on the case as proof that humanity shares archetypal images in its collective unconscious.

But Mr Noll says that at the time, German publications were popularising the mythology of Mithras. Solar Phallus Man may simply have been recalling something that he had read.

In his book *The Jung Cult*, Mr Noll claims that Jung falsified dates when pagan mythology books were published to show that the man could not have read them.

Proof that Jung lied exists in Honegger's notes, copies of which are in the Library of Congress. But the Jung family has refused Mr Noll permission to see the archive.

Jung: "most influential liar of 20th century"

Class war champion triumphs in India

From Coomi Kapoor
in Delhi

A WOMAN Untouchable has become Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state. Mayavati, 42, was sworn in at a ceremony on Saturday night that sent shivers down the spines of many upper-class Hindus who have dominated for centuries in the caste-ridden northern state.

The plump former teacher, who was installed in the state capital, Lucknow, by Moti Lal Vora, the Governor, is portrayed by her adversaries as a rabble-rouser who can shower the choicest abuse on those who cross her path. She believes that a violent backlash by the lower classes in India is inevitable after centuries of oppression.

Last year, she created a stir when she scoffed at Mahatma Gandhi for bestowing the term *Harijan* (the children of God) on the Untouchables. He is revered by older Untouchables for his struggle to enhance their status.

But the radical younger generation and Miss Mayavati, who prefer to be called *Dalits* (the oppressed), accuse Gandhi and other congressmen of encouraging "Uncle Tom" representatives from the official castes, who constitute almost 25 per cent of the population.

Ironically, Miss Mayavati, who treats traditional Hinduism with disdain, has gained power thanks to the support of the conservative right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has agreed to support her minority government. In the past, the BJP, which is dominated by the upper class, has often been derided by leaders of her Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) for its policies against the lower classes.

But the BJP was obviously keen to break the stranglehold of Mulayam Singh Yadav, the former Chief Minister, who won power 18 months ago in an electoral alliance with the BSP. Mr Yadav's support came from the middle classes.

Although he had long-standing differences with his alliance partner, Mr Yadav and most political parties were taken aback by the opportunistic alliance between the BJP and the BSP. But most observers predict it will not last long.

Argentina offers deal on Falklands mines

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

ARGENTINA is offering to pay for the clearance of all the remaining land mines in the Falklands. In return, Buenos Aires is urging Britain to allow a second visit to the islands by relatives of the soldiers buried there after the Falklands War in 1982.

Guido Di Tella, the Argentine Foreign Minister, will put his country's offer to the Falkland Islands Parliamentary Group during an official visit to Britain that begins today. Large areas of the islands are fenced off because of mines, which are difficult to find and defuse as they have shifted in the peaty soil. After several casualties, mine clearance has stopped.

The Argentine offer is part of an attempt by Buenos Aires to assure the Falklands that it wants a new, peaceful relationship. Although Argentina has not dropped its claim to the islands, the issue was played down in the recent presidential election campaign, and President Menem does not want the stalemate over the Falklands' future to hamper its improved relations with Britain.

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First group of freed British soldiers put celebrations on hold to wait for comrades in captivity

Families in Wales receive the calls they longed for

By Richard Duce

THROUGHOUT Wales yesterday 11 families received the long-distance telephone calls for which they had hoped and prayed. Their sons and loved ones were alive — freed after five days held hostage by the Bosnian Serbs.

In brief but highly emotional calls from the Croatian port of Split, the Royal Welch Fusiliers assured their families that they were safe and well. Each soldier was adamant, however, that celebrations should not begin in earnest until their 22 colleagues were also freed.

The men, who were released last Friday, were told by their United Nations commanders not to give detailed information about their time in captivity in case it endangered the lives of the men who are still still being held. Those who were freed were taken on a seven-hour bus journey out of Serbian-controlled Bosnia-Herzegovina to Novi Sad, near Belgrade in Serbia, before being flown to Split.

None of the soldiers appeared to know where he had been held captive but they said they had not been mistreated. They were given cigarettes and spent time playing cards and learning chess.

However, one said he feared he was going to be shot after he was blindfolded and then bundled on to the bus that eventually took him to freedom. Lieutenant Hugh Nightingale, 23, said: "I thought: 'Shallow grave time, here we go'."

None of the British soldiers knew that the Serbs had threatened to kill them if Nato aircraft struck again. One soldier said: "None of us had any idea about anything like that. They couldn't do enough for us."

Another said: "We realised they were soldiers carrying out their orders and we were carrying out our orders. Our orders were to keep cool. We knew all this trouble wasn't really between us and them. They were just basic soldiers like us."

Early yesterday morning Brenda Richardson, a widow, picked up the telephone at her home near Llanberis, Gwynedd, to hear her son, Stephen, 21, greet her in Welsh: "Hi Mam. *Sut Wyt Ti?* (How are you?)."

Mrs Richardson said later: "He was very cheerful and said they had been treated all right, but he didn't give me any details over the phone. All I hope now is that the others will be released soon. I'm thinking of their families, because I know exactly what they must be going through."

Louise Parker, 19, heard from her boyfriend Karl Frowen, 20, at her home in Cardiff. "He sounded really well and cheerful, he told me he was holding a couple of cans of lager in his hands and was feeling great.

"I must admit I was hoping he would pop the question and ask me to marry him after all that has happened, but we've agreed to wait. He couldn't say anything about what happened over there for security reasons.

"The 11 soldiers who have been freed have agreed to wait for the rest before celebrating. They are all very close to each other, especially after what they have been through together, so it wouldn't be right to celebrate yet."

Fusilier Martin Williams, 19, called his parents Richard and Bernadette in Holyhead, Anglesey, from Split. His father said: "My wife answered the phone and when she heard Martin's voice she screamed so loud the whole street must have been woken up."

Laurence Parry, 20, the driver of the armoured Saracen vehicle that crashed after he and five colleagues had been captured, telephoned his mother Hilary at Eryrys, near Mold. "He said that he was very concerned for the rest of the hostages. He also said that they were lucky to have escaped so lightly from the accident."

Ioan Smith, 19, another victim of the crash, rang his family near Mold at 4am yesterday. Eric Hesketh, his stepfather, said: "This is a day we won't forget. It is wonderful news. It answers everyone's prayers. We only hope that the others will be released pretty soon now."

Christine Mitchell, whose wounded son, Steven McCabe, 21, was freed, said: "We know how the families still waiting must be feeling. Their anguish must be even harder, knowing that some of the boys have been released and worrying about the situation getting worse."

Steven's girlfriend Kerry Chandler, 20, of Ely, Cardiff, who had an early morning call, said: "He sounded really chirpy and happy to be free. But he was also concerned about his mates who are still being held."

Captain Ed Dawes, speaking at the headquarters of the British forces in Split, said the 11 men were being debriefed and given medical examinations over the next three days. "At the end of that, they will be rejoining their battalion, obviously depending on medical advice," he said. "They are thinking about their family and friends back home but their thoughts are also with their comrades still in captivity."

A spokesman at the home base of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in Haverfordwest, Dyfyd, said: "Everyone here is mindful that we still have two-thirds of the way to go because only 11 soldiers have been released so far. The families are being very resilient and giving each other support."

Special prayers were said at church services across Wales yesterday for the early release of the 22 Fusiliers still in capitivity. The men known to have been freed are: Lieutenant Nightingale, Fusiliers Frowen, Richardson, Williams, Parry, Smith, David Jones, Stephen Richards and Steven McCabe.

HOSTAGES

‘I thought to myself: Shallow grave time, here we go.’

Lt Hugh Nightingale

Kerry Chandler, who received a phone call from her boyfriend, Steven McCabe, early yesterday. She said he sounded "really chirpy"

‘He sounded really well. I must admit I was hoping he would pop the question’

A wounded British soldier is helped on his arrival at Zagreb airport after being freed by the Bosnian Serbs. The 11 soldiers were then flown on to Split

Two foil second kidnap attempt

From Reuter in Sarajevo

TWO French soldiers, isolated for days since their comrades were taken hostage, foiled a fresh attempt by Bosnian Serb soldiers to capture them yesterday, the United Nations said.

The two non-commissioned officers have been trapped by Serbs at a UN-controlled weapons depot at Bare, north of Sarajevo, since May 26. One destroyed his radio and code book, the other hit a Serb soldier to avoid capture. Another 16 French peacekeepers posted there have already been taken hostage.

The two were in separate armoured personnel carriers at different sections of the ammunitions depot and both were surrounded by two groups of Bosnian Serb soldiers.

"At about 11:30 on Sunday morning two groups of 10 Bosnian Serb soldiers arrived at Bare and infiltrated the site and one group each surrounded the two French armoured personnel carriers," Major Guy Vinet, a UN official, said.

"The Serbs asked our peacekeepers to come with them," he said. They refused to come out and were threatened.

Major Vinet said one French soldier was still in his armoured personnel carrier, but stuck without a radio. The other was in a sandbagged redoubt.

Serbs justify taking of hostages as Karadzic fires their resolve

Eve-Ann Prentice reports from Pale that the people of the town, despite fears of a prolonged war and fading support from Serbia, are in no mood to capitulate

TO THE West, he is a war criminal, the architect of "ethnic cleansing", a man who takes hostages and uses the methods of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

But Radovan Karadzic was in sparkling form at the weekend. For two and a half hours, the Bosnian Serb leader railed against the West, aimed barbs at the regime in Belgrade, and occasionally had them rolling in the aisles during a television phone-in aimed at reviving the spirits of his mountain people.

It seems to have worked. They emerged from church in the Bosnian Serb "wartime capital" at Pale in tears over their dead yesterday, but supportive of their leaders.

The morning service in the turn-of-the-century Orthodox church commemorated the deaths of 50 sons of Pale in the battle for Zepa three years ago this week.

As men in fatigues and women in black sipped slivovitz and ate bread in the rain-sodden churchyard, they murmured about the "justice" in taking United Nations hostages and shooting down a Nato F16. They agreed with the freeing of the 126 hostages on Friday, but wanted their leaders to make sure that no more would be released unless the UN and Nato promised not to launch further airstrikes.

"Why should we release them?" asked Liljana Dukic. "We have given a goodwill gesture but have nothing in return." The Bosnian Serbs have reason to be worried. Nato bombed the centre of their universe in Pale. They feel misunderstood and unfairly regarded as pariahs of the Balkans, and their old ally, Serbia, may be about to "throw them to the wolves" by recognising Bosnia-Herzegovina. When the shooting-down of the Nato jet was announced on Friday, most were alarmed at the immediate prospect of new airstrikes and a prolonged war. They are tired of the hardship of conflict, death notices in the market, dealing on the black market, and impossible telephone links with the outside world. Yet they are in no mood to capitulate.

The psychiatrist in Dr Karadzic turned the mood of uncertainty to his advantage during the phone-in. He was the man of light and reason one minute, bent on negotiating an end to the war, and the defender of ancient Serb lands the next, determined not to relinquish "even a foot" of Serb ground. "Territory which has been Serbian through the centuries should stay Serbian," he declared.

In the Olympic Hotel in Pale, fatigue-clad men young and old lapped it up, back-slapping one another at his jokes, agreeing solemnly with every statement of policy.

"I am calling on Muslims in Sarajevo to call us up with their questions," Dr Karadzic said. "The Muslims are gambling, like the Arabs gambled with Jerusalem. Even if this war lasts ten years, Serbs will stay on Serb territory and Muslims on Muslim territory. Why don't they accept that fact? Muslim requests for more territory are out of order. The tragedy of the Muslim people is that their youngsters are dying for nothing." Apart from possible Serbian recognition of Bosnia, there is also a growing belief in Pale that President Milosevic of Serbia has discussed a wider peace plan for Bosnia with the international community and has limited the Bosnian Serbs' room for manoeuvre.

"If the whole world recognises Bosnia, it is worth nothing because we don't recognise it," Dr Karadzic said. "We don't think anyone has the right to throw us out of Yugoslavia.

"Why can't the international community accept the naked fact that we didn't invade Bosnia and we should have the same rights as Croats and Muslims?"

Asked about the shooting-down of the Nato F16, the Bosnian Serb leader said: "I ask this question: what was it doing over Bosnian Serb territory? Those who are bombing us are committing crimes and even we small people have rights in the skies over our territory."

☐ Belgrade: Two far-right deputies opposed to President Milosevic's possible recognition of Bosnia have been jailed for disturbing the peace. The fiery leader of the Serbian Radical Party, Vojislav Seselj, and five other party members were arrested on Saturday after scuffles with police in which shots were fired. Seselj was jailed for 20 days.

The conflict began as Seselj prepared to address a crowd of about 100 in the centre of Gnjilane, in the majority ethnic Albanian province of Kosovo. *(AFP)*

Karadzic: seen in West as a war criminal

Church destroyed

Zagreb: A sixth Roman Catholic church was blown up at the weekend in Banja Luka, the Bosnian Serb-controlled enclave, church authorities said. They added that the "ethnic cleansing" of non-Serbs was continuing.

The authorities said in a statement that the explosion of a bomb which had been placed outside the church caused no casualties. The building, however, was seriously damaged.

Five Catholic churches and chapels were destroyed last month in the enclave in north-western Bosnia, killing a priest and two nuns. Four other churches were attacked.

Mgr Franjo Komarica, the Catholic Bishop of Banja Luka, said that, in the past week, 15 Croat families in the town had been expelled from their homes and taken away by armed men to an unknown destination. He said he had written to Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, asking him to end the "injustices committed by local authorities" against non-Serbs. *(AFP)*

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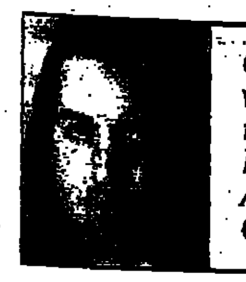

*Officers on the ground are worried by the lack of a military aim and cohesion between the UN and Nato, **Anthony Loyd** writes from Gornji Vakuf*

THE first six British 105mm guns to enter Bosnia arrived yesterday amid confusion over when and where they might be fired in anger.

Passing over the Makljen Ridge, a wave of high rock that is the gateway to central Bosnia, the three convoys of container trucks and white Land Rovers ended their mountainous journey at the United Nations base in Gornji Vakuf, a mixed Bosnian-Croat town in the valley below.

Here, the battery from 19 Field Regiment Royal Artillery was unloaded, becoming the newest and most potent firepower of the nascent Task Force Alpha, a battle group founded on the 1st Battalion the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment in Vitez.

On the highest point of the Makljen Ridge sits a massive stone fist dominating the area for miles on each side. The fist is Tito's, and commemorates the scene of one of his most significant battles. In 1943, his partisan forces smashed combined Chetnik, German and Ustashi units in an engagement that was a turning point of the war in Yugoslavia.

"Perhaps this, too, could be a turning point," said Lieutenant-Colonel Jeff Cook, commander of the British battalion, from his Warrior fighting vehicle as he watched the first vehicles winding into view. "I wonder if their shells are painted white too?" was the more sceptical comment of another British officer.

As the Western forces begin to pour in, Bosnians are asking which way the war will turn. Many are pessimistic. "We hear 6,000 English soldiers are coming, but what good will that do?" asked a Croat woman who has witnessed the ebb and flow of the three-year war through the surrounding hills.

"Either they will do nothing, or the situation will become worse for everyone — them and us." The newly arrived 120 British troops are the first of a three-phase deployment to Bosnia. They are to be followed by a second battery of six guns, two Lynx helicopters, an engineer squadron and further artillery command elements.

They were sent to bolster the UN peacekeeping effort. But in the Bosnian mountains, far from London and Paris, there is confusion and suspicion among the UN troops as well as the people they are supposed to be protecting. The new European force was given limited "agreed objectives" in Paris. But officers on the ground are still worried by what they see as the lack of the one thing military men most need: a clear aim.

"The decision to send in these men was little more than a knee-jerk reaction to dented national pride," said one army source. "What do you do with an armoured battle group and an airmobile brigade who are trained and equipped to destroy Russian tanks, when there is no political will to become involved in a serious tangle with the Serbs? It could be a very dangerous game of bluff."

The rhetoric of the weekend seemed only to intensify the UN's predicament. On a visit to Vitez, General Sir John Wilsey, Commander-in-Chief UK Land Forces, said: "We wish to do things by consent, but for the moment consent has collapsed."

Few doubt the need for tougher international action in dealing with the Serbs. But the present chain of UN command is already so fragmented as to be almost inoperable. "There is no military command here," said another UN officer. "What a British general may order will be interpreted entirely differently by each national contingent. And as for the UN co-ordinating with Nato, it just doesn't work — there are too many diverse national interests at stake here."

Extra muscle will give UN power to call the shots

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE newly-created rapid reaction force for Bosnia — the first of its kind in the history of United Nations peacekeeping missions — could lead to an increase in hostile actions against the Bosnian Serbs.

Although the defence ministers from Nato, Finland and Sweden agreed at their meeting in Paris on Saturday that the new force would not have an "offensive" mission, the clearly defined objective laid down by the 14 countries underlined the determination to implement the existing UN mandate "without backing down". One of the principal weaknesses of the Bosnia mission so far has been the vulnerability of the UN troops when confronted by obdurate and threatening Serbs, and

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sometimes Muslims and Croats. The interpretation of the rules of engagement has often erred on the side of caution to the extent that the warring factions, in particular the Serbs, have been able to seize UN weapons and armoured vehicles, hijack food and fuel supplies and detain, or take hostage, UN personnel with relative impunity. One Ministry of Defence source said yesterday: "This is now going to stop."

While the defence ministers in Paris agreed that the rapid reaction force, consisting of one self-supporting British brigade and one French-led multinational brigade, would operate under the existing mandate, the heavily-armed reinforcements will ensure that it is properly enforced.

On paper, this means that the two senior UN commanders who will be in charge of the two brigades, Lieutenant-General Bernard Janvier in Zagreb and Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith in Sarajevo, could dispatch elements of the rapid reaction force to protect the six "safe areas" against attack; counter any attempt to stop the flow of supplies to UN troops, and rescue peacekeepers held hostage.

However, the UN commanders will not be allowed to use the 10,000-man rapid reaction force to batter the Serbs. The first rule in peace-keeping is to negotiate, not to open fire, and this will not change just because the frustrated and angry West has decided to play tough.

The Paris meeting represented a turning point in the way the countries which have contributed troops to Bosnia now expect to enforce the UN mandate. The two brigades will take advantage of the flexibility in the existing rules of engagement to impose their will on intransigent warlords far more than UN commanders have felt it prudent to do in the past.

General Smith and General Janvier, the overall commander in the former Yugoslavia, will also have the luxury of being able to call on two well-equipped and highly mobile brigades to provide back-up in the event of any future military crisis.

As agreed by the Paris meeting, the Reaction Force will consist of Britain's 24 Airmobile Brigade — at least 5,500 men — and a multinational brigade that will include 1,500 French troops equipped with armoured personnel carriers and combat helicopters, and the new British Theatre Reserve Force which is already being formed in Vitez. This is based on the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, a dozen 105mm light guns from 19 Field Regiment and Scimitar light tanks from the 9th-12th Lancers and the Household Cavalry Regiment.

Yesterday the Dutch also confirmed that they would supply to the multinational brigade a Marine mortar company and a mortar locating radar group. Further elements from Canada and New Zealand are expected to be offered this week. The rapid reaction force, which will take several weeks to deploy to Bosnia and has yet to be formally approved by the UN Security Council, has been given a number of key objectives.

The principle ones are: to improve operational capability; to reduce the vulnerability of the UN forces; to regroup the most exposed units in isolated areas; to maintain the UN presence in the six "safe areas" — Sarajavo, Gorazde, Srebrenica, Zepa, Tuzla and Bihac — and to guarantee freedom of movement and supplies into Sarajevo and the other enclaves.

Another objective is to ensure that all tanks and artillery pieces are removed from the UN heavy weapons exclusion zones, with the aim of closing down the weapons collection points inside the zones. The Serbs have been able to remove tanks and guns at will.

The French proposal of creating a secure corridor into the Bosnian capital has been softened.

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THE fighting in former Yugoslavia dates back to June 1991, when the former communist republic broke apart with the unilateral declarations of independence by Croatia and Slovenia (Michael Binyon writes). The main phases are:

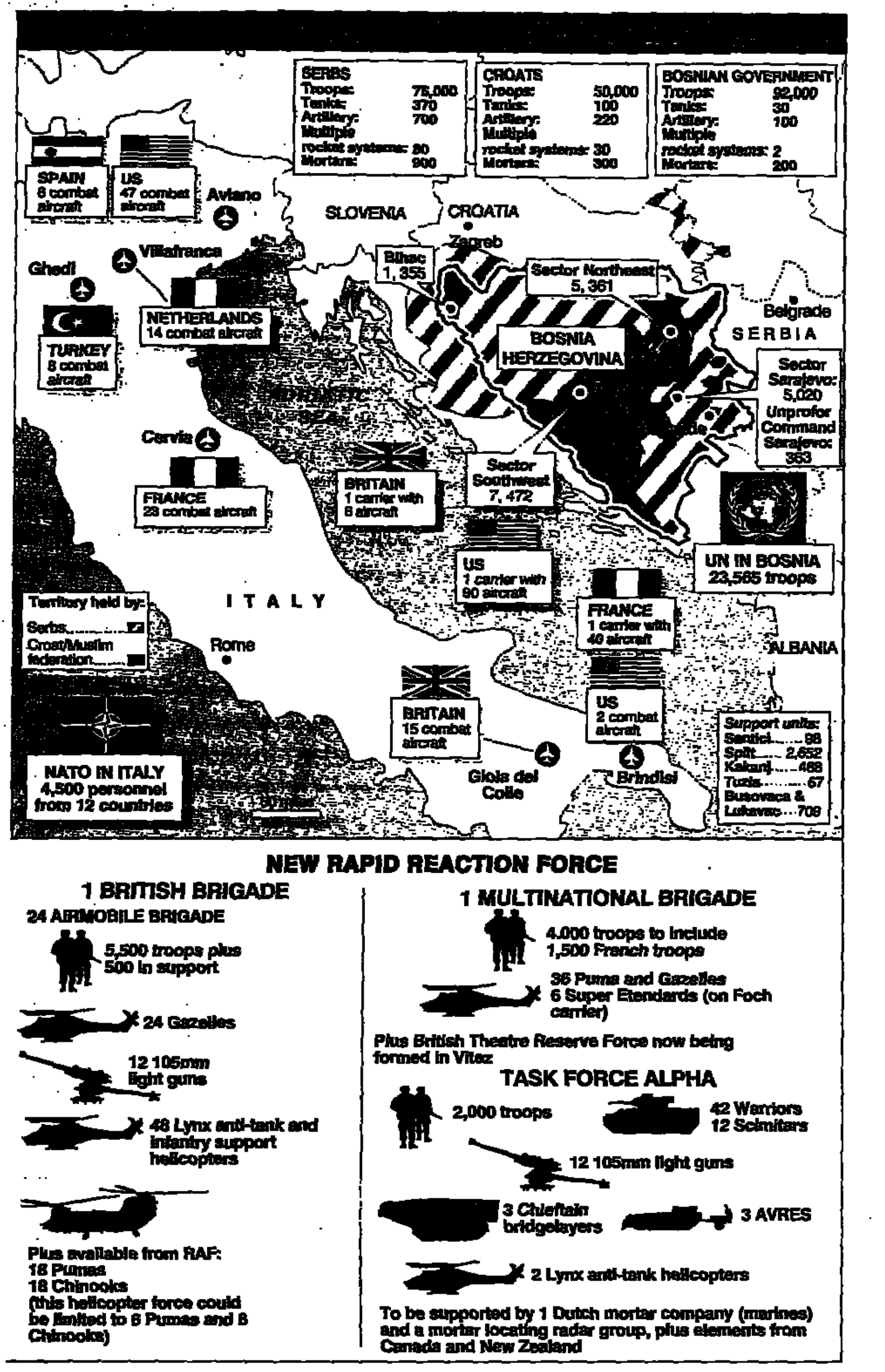
☐ Phase One: Slovenia secedes; Croatia attacked by Serb-dominated Yugoslav Army. Ethnic Serbs declare independence of Krajina. Fall of Vukovar to Serbs.

☐ Phase Two (December 1991-April 1992): EU mediation. Lord Carrington begins shuttle diplomacy. EU divided on aims, with Germany announcing unilateral recognition of Croatia and Slovenia in December. Referendum on Bosnian independence in February, boycotted by Bosnian Serbs; Muslims and Croats approve, followed by EU and US recognition in April. Fighting breaks out.

☐ Phase Three (April-August 1992): Ethnic cleansing. Serb militias overwhelm Muslim villages. Inhabitants driven out, Muslim men sent to camps, refugees pour into Croatia. Sanctions imposed on Serbia; London Conference on Yugoslavia appoints Lord Owen as negotiator. Camp atrocities prompt outcry. Bosnian Croats declare own state and conflict begins with Muslims.

☐ Phase Four (September 1992-February 1994): Nato involved; UN declares six Muslim "safe havens" in May 1993; Nato offers to enforce no-fly zone. Vance-Owen peace plan rejected by Pale; pressure mounts in US to lift arms embargo and strike Serbs. Contact Group formed, producing plan to split Bosnia between Serbs and new Muslim/Croat federation. Serbia accepts, Bosnian Serbs reject.

☐ Phase Five (February 1994-May 1995): failure of peace-making. Bomb in Sarajevo market leads to withdrawal of heavy weapons. Serbs step up attack on Bihac. Muslims attempt breakout, in vain. Serbia seals border with Bosnian Serbs but will not recognise independent Bosnia. May 1995, Bosnia truce ends, heavy weapons exclusion zone violated by Bosnian Serbs. More Nato airstrikes; Serbs seize 370 hostages.



Another 4,000 troops on standby

From Susan Bell in Paris

FRANCE announced yesterday that it was putting an extra 4,000 troops on standby to go to Bosnia to back up the 10,000-man rapid reaction force agreed in Paris by allied defence chiefs on Saturday.

The purpose of the new deployments is "to execute combat missions, allowing the 'blue berets' to carry out their peace mission," said Charles Millon, the French Defence Minister. "This is not a warfare operation, it is a peacekeeping force."

French officials said the rapid reaction force would have a simplified chain of command, allowing the troops to retaliate far more swiftly than previously.

In a move welcomed by France and Britain, William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, offered air support, including Cobra attack helicopters, AC130 gunships, and specialised communications

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equipment such as satellite navigation systems, infra-red night sights and artillery-locating radar.

According to M Millon, the new force, based in Bosnia and Croatia, will be placed under the joint operational control of French General Bernard Janvier, who leads the United Nations force in the former Yugoslavia, and Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the British head of the UN force in Bosnia. Although both forces will be under UN command, they will wear their national uniforms.

Despite the growth of Anglo-French co-operation over Bosnia, Britain and France did not altogether see eye to eye at Saturday's meeting, French sources said. The French goal of establishing a land corridor across Bosnia to Sarajevo to channel aid to the city was resisted by the British, who do not see it as a viable option. Russia, an ally of Serbia, was absent from Saturday's meeting.

Clinton gives in to critics on offer to send US ground forces

Perry: flying to Paris for Nato ministerial meeting

From Ian Brodie in Washington

IN AN attempt to silence relentless criticism, President Clinton has sharply limited the terms of his offer to send American ground troops to help United Nations peacekeepers to move to more defensible positions in Bosnia.

Just three days after declaring that America should be prepared to assist Nato in a "reconfiguration and strengthening" of its forces, Mr Clinton used his weekly radio address to put forward a far less sweeping policy. He said US troops would go to the rescue of UN forces only in the "remote, highly unlikely event" that peacekeepers became stranded in a particular area and

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needed help to move to safety. "If a UN unit needs an emergency extraction, we would assist after consulting with Congress. I think it is highly unlikely that we would be asked to do it," he said.

Mr Clinton had opened the door to a far broader interpretation during his earlier speech last week at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado, where he spoke of America's obligations to Nato and said: "I do not believe we can leave them in the lurch." That speech was hailed in Europe as marking a significant change in US policy.

But it caused widespread fears among the American public and in Congress where almost nobody, Democrat or Republican, supported the President and many were strongly critical. Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader, denounced Mr Clinton's decision as "nothing more than a policy of reinforcing failure".

For two days after the speech, Mr Clinton and his aides tried to justify the new policy without mentioning that US troops would be used only for an emergency evacuation. The shift outlined in the President's radio address on Saturday was confirmed by William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, as he flew to Paris for a meeting of Nato defence ministers. "Moving around UN forces to reposition them is not part of our proposal," he said. In the Republican response to the address, Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, criticised Mr Clinton for sending "not a clear and steady signal, but the wavering notes of an uncertain trumpet". The President's foreign policy had been one surprise after another, and Bosnia was merely the latest instance where the Administration had leapt before it looked, he said.

Administration officials insisted that Mr Clinton was not backtracking on the radio, but was simply narrowing his policy to make it more specific for an American domestic audience. They claimed that his earlier speech had been directed more to the Europeans and had bolstered their resolve. Still, Anthony Lake, Mr Clinton's National Security Adviser, while acknowledging that the speech could have been misunderstood as suggesting the possible imminent use of US troops in combat, added: "We think it was misinterpreted."

The speech was also put together in a hurry. Mr Clinton woke on Wednesday morning having decided overnight that America should help if asked to support the movement of peacekeepers from remote enclaves to more secure locations in Bosnia. The President and Mr Lake worked on the speech during the three-hour flight to Colorado on *Air Force One*. The final version was typed on board before the aircraft landed and was delivered by Mr Clinton exactly as written.

WORLD SUMMARY

Red Cross tug hit by mine blast

Colombo: A Red Cross vessel carrying 12 people hit a mine laid by Tamil Tiger rebels off northern Sri Lanka yesterday, killing at least one crewman, the military said.

One Indonesian crew member was missing, presumed dead, and two were injured in the blast. The tug, chartered by the International Committee of the Red Cross for the regular run from Point Pedro 125 miles down the east coast to Trincomalee, had just undergone security checks at the northern army-controlled port of Kankesanturai, near Jaffna.

As the vessel pulled out of the port, it hit the mine, blowing a hole in the hull, the military said. All the other crew members were rescued. It is not thought that the mine had been deliberately planted with the Red Cross vessel as a target. *(Reuter)*

Russian Army 'takes rebel base'

Moscow: The Russian Army claimed to have captured the Chechen separatist headquarters town of Vedeno, inflicting heavy casualties on fighters loyal to General Dzhokhar Dudayev (Anatol Lieven writes). Rebels dismissed the claims, and Western correspondents treated the "victory" with scepticism.

The fall of Vedeno would cut the separatists' remaining territory in half. A Russian army spokesman said that Vedeno, in the foothills of the Caucasus, was captured on Sunday after fierce fighting.

Film shock for Dole's wife

Washington: The attack by Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, on Hollywood's "nightmares of depravity" has prompted his wife Elizabeth to sell her shares in the Walt Disney Company (Ian Brodie writes). She discovered that a Disney subsidiary distributed *Priest*, denounced by her husband as part of his pitch for conservative votes in his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. The film portrays sexual misconduct by Roman Catholic clergy.

Opposition press fights crackdown

Attempts by President Mubarak of Egypt to muzzle the opposition press are being resisted by three Cairo dailies, including *Al-Wafd*, and four weeklies, which have each cancelled an edition in protest at a new law introduced last month (Christopher Walker writes). The law imposes prison sentences of five years and fines of up to £1,875 for "defamation of the state and government officials".

Carlos 'aide' is extradited

Sanaa: Yemen has extradited to Germany Johannes Weinrich, the alleged right-hand man of Ilich Ramirez Sánchez, known as Carlos the Jackal. The extradition followed a formal request from Germany after Weinrich's arrest in the southern Yemeni city of Aden. Germany has issued four warrants for his arrest on suspicion of involvement in terrorist attacks throughout Europe. *(AFP)*

Strip tease

Taipei: Hsu Shao-tan, a Taiwanese nude dancer who previously campaigned naked, is to run for parliament for a third time, but will not say whether as an independent or party candidate. *(Reuter)*

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD

■ VISUAL ART

Progress of the rake: the paintings of German artist Jörg Immendorff, inspired by Hogarth's tale, on show at the Barbican

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow

■ DANCE

Irish folk dance, Spanish flamenco, Russian bravura and a cast of 100 come to London in *Riverdance — The Show*

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Thursday

■ THEATRE

Albert Einstein and Marilyn Monroe share a hotel room in a revival of Terry Johnson's play, Insignificance

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

■ MUSIC

Tenor of the moment: Roberto Alagna sings a varied operatic programme in his Covent Garden recital

CONCERT: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

CHELSEA FESTIVAL: The annual festival gets into full swing, with unusual chances to visit several artists' studios, free jazz daily in Sloane Square, the continuing Barclays New Stages work at the Royal Court, a ballet performance of *Peter and the Wolf*, young European composers teaming up with the Ondine Ensemble and popular classics tonight at St Luke's, followed by *The Music of Two Londoners*, John Ireland and Billy Mayerl, tomorrow.
Box Office, Sloane Square (0171-824 8219) Until Sat.

TURNING WORLD: London's stimulating festival of dance from abroad continues this week: new arrivals are the Compagnie Karin Vyncke from Brussels in *Could Can Be* and Sasha Waltz and Guests from Berlin with *Tears Break Fast*, both at the Lilian Baylis. Toleda Dance Company from Berlin and Laine and Robana from Amsterdam take to the stage at The Place. Well worth catching.
Lilian Baylis, Rosebery Ave, EC1 Ⓢ (0171-713 6000); **The Place**, Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031).

DESIGN FOR LIVING: Last week of performances for Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *ménage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's sexual rough and tumble award-winner, first seen at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The magnificent mezzo **Cecilia Bartoli** appears with pianist Gyorgy Fischer in recital this week. Strewn with accolades and ovations wherever she goes, the glamorous Ms Bartoli's performance should not be missed.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street Ⓢ (0121-212 3333), tonight, 8pm and Wed in **Glasgow**, *Royal Concert Hall* Ⓢ (0141-227 5511), 7.30pm.

BELFAST: **The Canterbury Tales** continues its spring/summer tour. Played as a modern-day storytelling competition, with a nervous vicar as MC (Brian Cant) and Brian Glover as the irrepressible Miller. Adapted by Michael Bogdanov and written by Robin Davies.
Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street Ⓢ (01232 241919). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm. Next stop, **Norwich**, Theatre Royal Ⓢ (01603 630000)

LEEDS; Last week for Steven Berkoff, directing and taking the lead in **Coriolanus**, his British debut in Shakespeare. Faith Brook plays Volumnia and David Henry is Menenius Agrippa.
Quarry, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0113-244 2111). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm. Ⓢ

LEICESTER: Last week too for Eddie Izzard, an intriguing casting as the sorely put-upon hero of Marlowe's **Edward II**. *Paul Kerryson directs the classic orgy of* power, passion and violence.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: George Rodger: The Retrospective and Jorg Immendorff: The Rake's Progress (0171-638 4141) . . . **Design Museum**: Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago (0171-407 6261) . . . ***Hayward***: *Landscapes of France*: Impressionism and its Rivals (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945; Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Turner in Germany; From Picasso to Woodrow: Recently Acquired Prints and Portfolios (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Japanese Studio Crafts (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **THE BROKEN HEART**. Excellent, clear staging by Michael Boyd of Ford's murky melodrama of revenge. Emma Fielding, Ian Glen, Philip Voss are oustanding at the core of the torment.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm. Ⓢ

☐ **DEALER'S CHOICE**: Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama: funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in *Webster's tragedy of incest, murder* and the borderland of the mind.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **DUMBSTRUCK**: Last week for this extravagantly over-the-top black farce, set in a boarding-house in 1960s Glasgow.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE**: The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm.

☐ **JEFFREY**: Christopher Villiers plays a New Yorker tuned in to total abstinence. Tim Luscombe directs Paul Rudnick's Off-Broadway hit with a million camp quips.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Last week. Ⓢ

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**: Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm.

◪ **PENTECOST**: In the opinion of many, the best play of 1994: David Edgar explores the conflicting claims of art and nationalism, tourism and the needs of the poor, all set in an abandoned church in Eastern Europe. Michael Attenborough directs the RSC production at its third London address.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Now previewing, 7.15pm; mat June 7, 2pm. Opens June 8.

☐ **RICHARD III**: For his first Shakespeare production, Brian Cox directs Jasper Britton in the title role. Some excellent acting but it doesn't quite hang together.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight-June 10, 8pm; mat June 7, 2.30pm. In rep from June 12.

☐ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW**: The Undead pose and prance again: Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff back in the West End for the umpteenth time. Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company.
Duke of York's, *St Martin's Lane*, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm; *Fri and Sat*, 7pm and 9.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE SILVER TASSIE**: Sean O'Casey's fierce and haunting anti-war drama, not seen in London since 1969. Lynne Parker's production glows with fitful power.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . . 17) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . . . ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge, final week (0171-494 5080) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) *on release across the country*

NEW RELEASES

MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN (18): Inadequate thriller about London's smart young drug addicts, with Elizabeth Hurley, C. Thomas Howell and Joss Ackland. Director, Henry Cole.
Electric Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0800 888997)

SOMEBODY TO LOVE (15): Flawed but vibrant hymn to life's underdogs from Alexandre Rockwell, director of *In the Soup*. With Rosie Perez and Harvey Keitel.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722)

TALES FROM THE CRYPT: DEMON KNIGHT (18): Lively spin-off from the *television series, featuring gore, glop* and juvenile humour. With William Sadler and Billy Zane; director, Ernest Dickerson.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

BEFORE SUNRISE (15): Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. *Risky, endearing film from Slacker* director Richard Linklater.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683)

◆ **BOYS ON THE SIDE** (15): Unappealing women's picture with Whoopi Goldberg, Mary Louise Parker, Drew Barrymore. Herbert Ross directs.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15): Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

ED WOOD (15): Tim Burton's wonderful biography of the bizarre man voted the world's worst film-maker. With Johnny Depp, and Martin Landau as Bela Lugosi.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) *Richmond (0181-332 0030)* **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

EYES WITHOUT A FACE (18): Welcome revival of Georges Franju's haunting horror film about skin grafting, made in 1959. With Pierre Brasseur, Alida Valli, Edith Scob.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15): Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins. Director, Edward Zwick.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner; with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666)

LA REINE MARGOT (18): Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil. Director, Patrice Chéreau.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

◆ **ROB ROY** (15): *Lavish but fusty* epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

THE SEXUAL LIFE OF THE BELGIANS (18): Funny, quirky sexual odyssey. First in an autobiographical trilogy from Belgium's cultural anarchist, Jan Bucquoy.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12). Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia. Director, Steven E. de Souza.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

The biggest rock tour in history hits Europe, reports **David Sinclair** in Stockholm

Still kings of the road

Defying the decades: the four Rolling Stones may have a combined age of 204 years, but ten months of global touring haven't slowed them down

Several months ago Virgin Records declared the current Rolling Stones marathon to be the "world's biggest-grossing rock tour ever," and according to the promoter Michael Cohl, by the time it finishes on August 29, the band will have played on five continents to at least 6.5 million paying customers. Given an average ticket price of £25, gross takings of £162.5 million may confidently be predicted, and that is before the lucrative merchandising opportunities (T-shirts, badges, key-rings, et al) are taken into account.

Cohl is in no doubt that this is the biggest tour in the history of popular entertainment. "I don't think anyone else comes close. Michael Jackson's pattern of touring was different. He maybe did four and a half to five million tickets. U2 might do it next time; they're still young after all. Pink Floyd could be in the same league, but their tour was much shorter. They wanted to get home a lot quicker."

With worldwide sales of the *Voodoo Lounge* album now past the five million mark it has evidently been a huge and hugely profitable year for the Rolling Stones. But seeing the four of them come bounding into a press conference in Stockholm last Thursday to launch the European (and final) leg of their tour, one couldn't help but feel that this mammoth undertaking is more than just a superbly organised exercise in making money. Deflecting questions from the European press corps with their customary brand of jocular arrogance, Mick Jagger (51), Keith Richards (51), Ron Wood (48) and Charlie Watts (54) resembled the unlikely survivors of some ancient warrior class.

None of them has gone to seed in the conventional sense. Their hairlines, waistlines and spindly rock star legs all appeared remarkably unchanged. *But their faces* looked impossibly lined, and when the chain-smoking Richards moved towards the drinks tray it seemed as if all his limbs were about to fly off in different directions at once.

Battle-scarred veterans they may be but if any group could be said to have realised the ultimate rock'n'roll dream it is the Rolling Stones. Without cracking at the seams or losing the essence of what made them a great act in the first place, they have survived a journey which was literally unimaginable when they set out in 1962. Because they have been around so long it is easy to take for granted both the scale of the achievement and their continuing role as pioneers providing covering fire for all the ageing bands — from Aerosmith to R.E.M. — coming up behind them. As Richards told *Rolling Stone* magazine: "We're the only band *to make it this far, and if* we trip and fall, you'll know that's how far it can be taken."

What they are up against now is not the aggravations and frustrations of their youth, or even the creeping boredom induced by their own longevity which seemed to undermine the group in the mid-Eighties. With this tour they have gone into battle against their very mortality. At Stockholm's Olympic Stadium on Saturday they fired off the latest volley in the campaign.

The Voodoo Lounge show is a sensational state-of-the-art production which chafes at the limits of what is technically feasible. An immense, futuristic set, designed by Mark Fisher and Jonathan Park, looms above the stage, its shiny metallic turrets and walls dominated by a snake*like lighting gantry rising to* 29.2 metres high. A panoply of lights, designed by Patrick Woodroffe, flashes and sparkles like a swirling arm of the Milky Way. Flares and fireworks ignite and the huge screen in the middle of the stage relays exotic computer graphics along with close-ups of the band.

But beating at the heart of this technological miracle is a group of individuals whose resilience now verges on the eerie. To see Richards there at all seems unlikely, but watching Jagger, thin as a stick insect, running from one side of the stage to the other — an incredible 100 metres — during *Brown Sugar*, you could almost believe a man could fly.

Even so, Time is waiting with increasing impatience in the wings, and this tour has a distinctly valedictory feel to it. At the Stockholm press conference the hapless journalist who asked the group if it was their last outing found himself heaped with derision and scornfully awarded a "prize T-shirt" for asking the most original question of the day. But they will not mount another tour like this.

After a shaky start in America last August, the Voodoo Lounge tour has taken on an unstoppable momentum. It has visited locations the band had never played before — in South America and South Africa — and gone to territories such as Australia and New Zealand which they hadn't played for 20 years or *more. It has taken them from* the 190,000-capacity Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro to the 700-capacity Paradiso Club in Amsterdam. And after they have played their three nights at Wembley Stadium next month (July 11, 15, 16) they are planning a "surprise" gig at London's Brixton Academy.

"It's the Everest principle," says Mark Fisher, "combined with a feeling that if they didn't do it now they might die having never done it."

THE ROLLING STONES WORLD TOUR 1994-95

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THEATRE: Gender-bending Shakespeare at the National with Fiona Shaw; and (below) a tale Told By An Idiot

A very feminine perspective

After colour-blind casting, which most people now accept, is gender-hazy performance the next step? For a moment the mind fills with panicky images: the Maggie Smith Falstaff, the Nicol Williamson Desdemona, the Raquel Welch Titus Andronicus. But Fiona Shaw's Richard II demands no such suspension of disbelief nor is it likely to be the thin end of a great wedge of radical feminists with beards. The performance has its oddities, but they have more to do with the actress's interpretation than her sex.

After all, we have seen *As You Like It* with grown men in the female roles. Similarly, Hamlet has often enough been played by women, most famously by a Sarah Bernhardt whom Max Beerbohm unkindly dubbed "très grande dame". It would, I think, still be difficult to swallow a woman as Henry VIII, Lear, or one of those princes who fizz with testosterone and facial hair. But it is another matter with characters who have what Jungians would call a strong feminine side to their psyches: a Hamlet, a Henry VI, a Richard II.

The early stages of Deborah Warner's production left me wondering if Shaw's Richard was meant to be homo or at least bisexual. He seems momentarily attracted to David Threlfall's Bolingbroke, whom he pats, strokes and, not long before pronouncing his banishment, gives a smacking kiss on the lips. And Graham Crowden's Gaunt contemptuously manhandles Shaw in the same way, as if to accuse Richard of effeminacy. But these hints lead nowhere very definite, nor should they do so. Only if one takes overliterally a line about the king's favourites "divorcing" him from his queen is his sexuality an issue in the original play.

In any case, to categorise Shaw's Richard as "homosexual" would be to simplify the performance's complexities and miss its true emphases. Her king is a man-child, personally unformed and, you sometimes feel, unfitted to rule anything larger or older than Enid Blyton's Famous Five. That is evident the moment he enters the

Richard II
Cottesloe

long golden corridor, flanked by an audience in pews, into which the Cottesloe has been transformed. The face is boyish and topped by a crop of short black hair, the body-language diffident, awkward.

This Richard is less the delicate prince thrust into a butch world than an emotional 11-year-old surrounded by adults he variously finds nice, intimidating and incomprehensible. He seems pleased with himself to the point of narcissism — witness the tiny mirror into which he intermittently peers — yet is simultaneously insecure and eager for reassurance. He is happiest playing horsey-horsey with Aumerle, and simply cannot understand why the likes of Bolingbroke and Mowbray take their quarrels so seriously. In his sandpit cosmos kids might yell and pinch each other, but they would end by making up and going home together for tea.

True, this infantalism is not unerring or permanent. Shaw manages the odd moment of dignity before an abdication scene in which she erratically veers between clowning, tears and angry hysteria, diving for protection onto Uncle York's lap and slapping the usurping Bolingbroke on the bottom between gasps. She also plays the prison scene beautifully, injecting new understanding and regret into "I wasted time and now doth time waste me". On the brink of death, Richard is growing up.

But the performance, daring and fascinating though it is, pushes a defensible reading a mile or so too far. The grace and wit that Shakespeare gave Richard, the class and lustre even his enemies attribute to him, are almost entirely missing. Moreover, the play's core question, which is whether and at what point a divinely sanctioned king can be deposed, loses its subtlety. A ruler who sits and sucks his thumb when troubles threaten should not merely lose his job but be sent back to the nursery. As Beerbohm might have said, très petite fille.

Despite this imbalance at the centre, Warner's revival is strong, clear, and, notwithstanding a running time of nearly four hours, entirely gripping. Nor is there a weak supporting performance. Threlfall is a cool, incisive Bolingbroke, as natural a ruler as Shaw is an unnatural one; Crowden is a passionately patriotic Gaunt; and Michael Bryant's perplexed York and Paola Dionisotti's fierce Yorkess ensure that the long last act does not outstay its welcome.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Daring and fascinating portrayal: Fiona Shaw as King Richard II in Deborah Warner's new production

OVERTURES

Actress in demand

EILEEN ATKINS is being paged to return to the National Theatre for the first time since her award-winning performance in Richard Eyre's production of *The Night of the Iguana*. She would return to star in Ibsen's *John Gabriel Borkman*, opposite none other than **Paul Scofield**. If it happens, the staging would have to wait a year or so until Atkins has completed her current eight-month contract on Broadway in *Indiscretions*. That, in turn, is due to be followed immediately by an American tour, opposite **Vanessa Redgrave**, in their recent off-Broadway two-hander, *Vita and Virginia*. *Borkman*, meanwhile, has its own illustrious NT pedigree: it last played the South Bank 20 years ago with Ralph Richardson and Peggy Ashcroft in the cast.

● ON TOUR in Britain until July 8 and with an Albert Hall concert on June 30, the much-hyped violin prodigy **Vanessa-Mae** will this week be inducted into the "Wall of Hands" display at the Rock Circus in London's Piccadilly. "It's an honour to join many of the stars I've admired since a small schoolgirl," says the 16-year-old. "Michael Jackson and Phil Collins are just as important to music as Beethoven and Mozart. I listen to them all." Just as we suspected.

● LONDON RECORDS is about to reissue its entire catalogue of 18 **Rolling Stones** albums, digitally remastered and repackaged, and in some cases never before available in the UK. Titles include the 1964 debut *England's Newest Hitmakers*, *12 x 5*, *Let It Bleed* and the live *Get Your Ya Ya's Out*, plus six compilations — among them *The Singles Collection: The London Years*, a 59-track triple CD.

● LEST the West End seem to have nothing on its mind beyond brassy — and often brainless — musicals, two straight play transfers are posed to give the summer season a lift. *Taking Sides*, **Ronald Harwood**'s new play about conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler, is expected to follow *The Duchess of Malfi* into Wyndham's; its Chichester stars **Daniel Massey** and **Michael Pennington** remain under **Harold Pinter**'s direction. Expected at the Haymarket is *Burning Blue*, a play about gays in the military by the American writer **D.M.W. Greer**, a sell-out this spring at the King's Head; *Sunset Boulevard*'s **John Napier** has signed on as designer to lend the play a West End sheen. Looking for a West End perch further along is **Jonathan Lewis**'s anti-war drama *Our Boys*, which is expected to run in repertory with a play still to be announced.

Gypsies, tramps and thieves

MARILYN KINGWILL

Feeding time: Paul Hunter as the greasy, callous Maximo and Hayley Carmichael as the savage, distressed child-tart, Lovely

ON TOP form, Told By An Idiot (formerly the John Wright Company) produces truly extraordinary physical theatre. *On the Verge of Exploding*, its previous piece, beautifully combined clowning with the profoundly touching. *I'm So Big*, inspired by Kusterika's film *The Time of the Gypsies*, is a tale of two brothers — short greasy Maximo (Paul Hunter) and floppily tall Fredo (Javier Marzan) — and of Lovely (Hayley Carmichael), the savage, distressed child-tart whom they chain to their trailer.

I'm So Big, directed by Wright, again brings together broad com-

I'm So Big
BAC, Battersea

edy, brutal violence and gentle sweetness, but the show has a long way to go yet. At this stage in the creative process, Told By An Idiot has not fathomed how to structure the story intelligently. Early scenes, introducing us to Fredo's grandmother, prove oddly irrelevant. Carmichael, briefly doubling as the old baggage, stumps funnily down the aisle wielding her legs like short, woolly tree trunks, begging us for hard currency in a preposterously wheedling Romanian accent. But this merely stalls the main story of Lovely, whom Maximo callously sells to passers-by while she and Fredo develop a desperate tenderness for each other.

The disappointing double act of the brothers, with thin improvised dialogue, needs editing, while major plot twists are too sudden. Hunter is horribly sleazy with his polyester suit and greasy locks. His slapstick is neat but he overindulges in silliness, while his switches into drunken aggression do not cut deep.

Part of Told By An Idiot's charm is its witty embrace of the audience. Carmichael throws us ironic glances as scenes spiral into insanity. Marzan, meant to be filling a hiatus with an animated monologue, deliberately bores us to tears. These two also have a wonderful chemistry. The zany, innocent seduction scene is exquisite. Carmichael's Lovely, both vicious as a mad dog and vulnerable as a damaged child, once more proves herself a painfully good actress.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERTS: **Barry Millington** on the Vienna Philharmonic's Mozart and the RPO's Mahler

Less than a revelation

Mozart always has been a favourite calling-card of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. But it can be a double-edged sword. In the third London concert of the current European series, this most venerable of institutions, under the direction of Seiji Ozawa, offered Mozart's *Jupiter* Symphony, alongside Berlioz's *Waverley* Overture and Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet Suite*.

One does not have to be a purist to discern the problems of presenting a figure as iconic as Mozart within a tradition established over two centuries. There have been more sugary, more reverential perfor-

VPO/Ozawa
Festival Hall

mances of Mozart — some of them given by the VPO themselves — than this under Ozawa. But given the textural clarity and rhythmic incisiveness of the specialists in this repertoire, it was less than a revelation. Having said that, the Menuetto went with an attractive waltz-like swing. The Andante cantabile too was kept on the move, projecting a real singing quality through the wreathes of demisemiquaver decoration.

It was Prokofiev, however, that inspired conductor and orchestra to produce something out of the ordinary. In the portrayal of the rival Montagues and Capulets there was a palpable lift, a raising of the temperature as the musicians responded to those thrillingly expansive lines. That emotional release was mirrored in a wrenching "Romeo at the grave of Juliet" near the end, while in between there was plenty of passion too in "Romeo and Juliet", and virtuoso ensemble work in the "*Death of Tybalt*". But what was this in the "Dance with mandolins"? A woman among the four mandolinists? Surely Vienna must be short of the breed to allow such a breach of a sacred tradition.

Conductor Seiji Ozawa: inspired most by the Prokofiev

Easy ride for the Reaper

WITH the memories of Mahler played by the Berlin Philharmonic under Claudio Abbado still vivid from a fortnight ago, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Valery Gergiev would have needed to pull something very special out of the bag to be in the same league on Wednesday night. But the symphony was Mahler's Sixth, which means that another unforgettable Festival Hall event comes into the reckoning: Klaus Tennstedt's devastating account with the London Philharmonic in November 1991 (about to be issued on CD).

Tennstedt's personal circumstances have given him unique insights into this unremittingly bleak symphonic representation of Mahler's obsession with death. But even if one could scarcely hope for a replication of that performance, one is surely entitled to expect a moderately grim en-

RPO/Gergiev
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actment of the life-and-death struggle so vividly set forth in the first movement.

The latter is one of Mahler's dark, foreboding marches: not a trace of self-pity, but a raging against the arbitrary cruelty of mortality. In Gergiev's hands, the march was brisk and businesslike: full of noisy vigour, even exhilarating, but hardly a pitched battle with the Grim Reaper. At this tempo, too, the grotesque elements went for little, as did the gracious subsidiary theme associated with the composer's wife, Alma. A more flexible and creative approach to the tempo markings is called for here.

The Scherzo, which followed (its placing remains a matter of controversy), set off similarly in furious fashion, but Gergiev seemed unable to coax the right sort of colouring from the orchestra. More satisfactory was the Andante moderato, whose long lines eventually generated some heartfelt passion. The finale had something of the requisite air of desperation — a defiant final fling before the light is extinguished. The fatal hammer blows and the convulsive last gasp were chilling. Yet it was not enough. Gergiev is highly regarded, and rightly so, in the Russian repertoire, but he has yet to find an authentic Mahlerian voice.

It would be nice to be able to say that the preceding Mozart symphony, No 40 in G minor, made amends. Unfortunately it was severely compromised by the RPO's sloppy, lacklustre playing, while Gergiev's old-fashioned approach offered little more than a half-decent run-through.

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Spitalfields Market

ON THE very wise principle that if you do not start sometime, then you will never start at all, the new chamber opera house in Spitalfields has flung its doors open to the public in an unfinished state. A plain box has been erected in two bays of the old market: there is an auditorium seating 500 in tolerable comfort; the steps to reach it are temporary; the smell of fresh plaster is rather invigorating: an orchestra pit holding 40 and a raised stage (but not, sadly, flying space) are to follow, depending — like everything else in the arts world — on the wretched National Lottery.

The house has been playing host since mid-May to existing shows given by assorted fringe groups. The home company, Spitalfields Market Opera, mounted its inaugural production last week, a double bill of Salieri's *Prima la musica, poi le parole* and Mozart's *Der Schauspieldirektor*, which demonstrates with more clarity — and in less time — than Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus* the difference between talent (modest) and genius (blazing). Both deal with backstage operatic shenanigans; the Salieri passes the time pleasantly enough, but the Mozart is — or should be — very funny indeed.

In one vital respect SMO had got its priorities right: musical values under the bright young conductor Jonathan Tilbrook were more than just commendable. His re-orchestrations for a band of nine — string quartet, bass and four wind — were well managed, and the youthful players delivered the goods with spirit and musicianship. The singers, of varying levels of attainment, had been well prepared. Musically, Thursday's performance was enormously likeable.

But lack of funds shows clearly in other directions. SMO obviously cannot afford a proper producer; the company's artistic director, Philip Parr, has perforce to fulfil that function. This was village-hall stuff, with direction barely rising above funny walks and face-pulling. Costumes and make-up were amateurish, sets (Philip Rawstome) and lighting (David Price) spare and elegant.

Tilbrook could well have been spared the embarrassment of being made to take a long speaking role in the Mozart and the notion of expanding the dialogue to provide a showcase for Fenella Fielding was of dubious value. When the music came back a good 25 minutes after the overture, the performance finally got off the ground.

Jane Streeton was a spry Mlle Silberklang (and a charming soubrette in the Salieri), and Toni Nunn skipped fearlessly, if not always mellifluously, above the stave as Mme Herz. Jenevora Williams did nicely as both soubrette (Mozart) and prima donna (Salieri). If SMO can jack dramatic values up to the level of the playing and conducting, we — and they — will be getting somewhere.

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Nigel Hawkes

IT CAME from outer space, and caused *consternation*. Not a UFO but a shower of cosmic rays, which hit a detector in the Utah desert with a power that physicists are still unable to comprehend.

The event occurred on October 15, 1991, at Dugway Proving Grounds 75 miles from Salt Lake City, where researchers had set up an instrument called the Fly's Eye to detect incoming cosmic rays. There are billions of such events every day: for each square metre of the Earth's surface, 200 cosmic-ray particles with an energy greater than a few million electron volts strike every day.

But the Fly's Eye event was something special. It was, physicists say, as if you went out to catch a butterfly and snared an F-111 instead. It had an energy of 3,200 billion billion electron volts, and theory dictated that such energetic particles could not exist anywhere, because they would rapidly lose energy in collisions with the microwave radiation which permeates the universe.

Give a physicist a mystery and he'll make an expensive machine to solve it. Since the end of January a team of 100 physicists has been working on the design for a huge cosmic-ray detector which will cover an area the size of Northumberland.

Loosely based at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory at Batavia, west of Chicago, the team is international and members have spent a lot of the time communing electronically from their home bases. The two leaders are Professor James Cronin, of the University of Chicago, and Professor Alan Watson, of Leeds University.

The project is called the Pierre Auger Project, after the French physicist who first detected very powerful showers of cosmic rays in the 1930s. Since then, high-energy physics has been dominated by particle accelerators.

But the Fly's Eye event puts such machines in the shade. Its energy was 300 million times higher than the highest ever achieved in an accelerator. Particles of the highest energy are scarce: at 10 billion billion electron volts, the frequency is only one per square kilometre per year. Hence the need for a really big detector — or actually two, one for each hemisphere. They will consist of 3,000 individual detector stations, each about the size of a one-car garage, distributed in a grid that will cover 5,000 square kilometres.

Because the cosmic rays hitting the atmosphere start a "shower" of secondary sub-atomic particles when they hit air molecules, several stations are likely to pick up signals simultaneously. Data from each station will be sent to a central control room, which will work out the direction and energy of the original cosmic ray.

What will this tell us? The team says that these particles hold secrets to the evolution and perhaps the beginning of the universe. They might be produced by the collapse of hypothetical objects left over from the Big Bang. Next month, the design complete, the task of raising the $60 million (£37.5 million) to $100 million needed for each one will begin. Physicists are good at that, too, so don't bet against the first showers being spotted soon after the new millennium begins.

First reserve

DURING the 1960s and 1970s, the air was loud with lamentations about how we were all going to run out of resources. The Club of Rome, with its *Limits to Growth*, suggested that faced with growing populations and increased prosperity, mineral resources would soon dwindle and prices would rise.

Not so, happily. In the current issue of *Science*, Dr Carroll Ann Hodges, of the US Geological Survey, points out that not only have minerals not run out, but they are more plentiful than ever, and cost no more in real terms than they did 150 years ago. World reserves of many minerals now amount to well over a century's supply.

The reasons include the slowing of economic expansion after 1974, the fact that mature economies consume fewer minerals as they shift to services — and that they substitute new products, including plastics and ceramics. Recycling has also increased, while resources have expanded.

Not everybody got it wrong. Fifteen years ago Paul Ehrlich, of Stanford University, bet Julian Simon, of the University of Maryland, $1,000 that five key metals would rise in price. Simon won, and Ehrlich has paid up. Now the two are discussing a new bet, on trends over the next 15 years, but cannot agree the precise terms. My money's on Professor Simon.

Inside story

AFTER X-rays, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging, a new way of probing beneath the surface of things has been invented by scientists at AT&T Bell Laboratories at Holmdale, New Jersey. They call it "T-rays" — for terahertz, or trillion-cycle-per-second, electromagnetic pulses.

Binbin Hu and Martin Nuss, the inventors, use laser pulses lasting only a tenth of a trillionth of a second to generate the pulses, which can be transmitted through objects and detected the other side. The amounts of distortion of the T-rays give an indication of the characteristics of the material.

The effects are striking. Fat hardly absorbs any of the T-rays, while lean meat absorbs 25 times as much, so a slice of bacon shows up brilliantly. Leaves that are taken from trees and slowly dry out show the loss of water clearly.

Dr David Miller, of the Advanced Photonics Research Department at the lab, says that the research is significant because although spectroscopic studies at these frequencies have been done in the past, nobody has yet used T-rays in an imaging system. "This is an exciting technique that lets us see things in a completely new way," he says.

The technique could have a lot of potential applications, from medical imaging to the analysis of chemical reactions, materials inspection, fault detection, examining silicon chips for faults and inspecting packaging. Most plastics are transparent to T-rays, says AT&T, so they can see inside plastic packaging.

Understanding the mystery of memory

The ability to remember has reached its height in man — but how do we do it? **Dr Adam Zeman** explains

The ability to adapt to circumstances is one of the hallmarks of life. A bodybuilder's bulging biceps, an athlete's slow pulse, a sunbather's well-tanned form, all testify to the capacity of our tissues to react to recent demands. Even our bones are shaped by use, and wither with disuse.

The ubiquitous plasticity of living things is the biological backdrop to an ability which has reached its apogee in man — the ability to learn. Well before we take our first breath, and throughout our long lives, our brains are shaped by our *surroundings and our actions*. In no time, behaviour and experience are pervaded by what we have learnt: you learnt this language once, and how to read it, and in a fairly straightforward sense you even learnt to see.

The *microscopic basis* of human memory remains a subject of active research. Experiments in the 1960s suggested that memories might be encoded in large molecules, akin to DNA. This had the curious implication that memories could literally be fed from one animal to another. Fortunately for common sense, this line of research proved ill-founded.

Most current hypotheses assume that memory depends upon the strengthening of connections between the nerve cells from which the brain is constructed. The numbers of cells and connections involved are prodigious, making it plausible that they provide the physical basis for memory: there are about one hundred thousand million cells, each making and receiving hundreds or thousands of connections with other cells.

The environment in early life has been shown to influence these connections. Thus the number and shape of synapses, the points of contact at *which a chemical* signal passes from one nerve cell to another, are influenced by the richness of the surroundings in which an animal is reared. *Similarly*, experiments in the 1970s, now of legendary status in neuroscience, showed that the growth cells in the visual areas of the brain require normal visual experience, and will be disturbed if the visual surroundings are impoverished or distorted.

It may well be that our continuing ability to learn depends upon subtle persistence of the plasticity apparent in early development. But while plasticity is seen everywhere in the nervous system, memory is a complex and multifaceted capacity. The initials of a single patient will always be linked with the scientific dissection of the varieties of memory.

In 1953 a neurosurgeon, William Beecher Scoville, performed an operation intended to relieve epilepsy in a 27-year-old man, H.M. The operation involved the removal of the inner regions of both temporal lobes, the part of the brain *lying deep to the* inner ear. This area includes a curled structure bearing a vague resemblance to a sea horse — hence its charming name, the "hippocampus". As H.M. recovered from the operation, his doctors and family realised that he had paid a high price for the amelioration of his seizures: he had been robbed of his memory.

Skills involve several parts of the brain

In particular, H.M. had lost the ability to form new memories, a condition known as "anterograde" amnesia. He had, in addition, lost access to memories from the ten years or so preceding his surgery, evidence for a limited "retrograde" amnesia. The anterograde amnesia was profound. After his operation, H.M. became a captive of the passing moment, unable to accumulate the record of experience which we normally call upon to make sense of our lives.

The intensive study of H.M. and others like him has led to the conclusion that the brain's record of new experience, and the retrieval of recent entries, depends on the hippocampi of the temporal lobes.

But, in retrospect, H.M.'s predicament was as remarkable for the abilities which survived his surgery as for those which the surgeon's knife excised.

H.M. quite clearly retained a *short-term memory* active over seconds. He remained able to make conversation. He scored normally on tests of IQ. He could perform quite demanding tasks — just so long as they did not require that he learn new information. This implied that "short-term" or "immediate" memory functions independently of the abilty to lay down a permanent record.

Several years passed before the study of H.M.'s case yielded a second major insight: some important forms of long-term learning survive the loss of the hippocampi. The first hint that this might be so came from the odd observation that H.M. could learn the tricky skill of tracing an outline while watching *his hand* in a mirror rather than viewing it directly. Although H.M. had no recollection from one occasion to the next that he had performed this task before, his performance steadily improved.

Individuals like H.M. can, in fact, learn a range of skills, from complex sequences of movement to strategies for solving mathematical problems, despite a dense amnesia for their reading. Such findings have suggested a fundamental distinction between "declarative' and "procedural" memory.

Your memory of last summer's holiday is declarative — available to consciousness. Your hippocampi were needed to put it into store. But your ability to ride a bike is procedural, independent of any conscious recall of your first wobbly expeditions. Like short-term memory, procedural memory turns out to be a complex mix of dissociable skills involving several parts of the brain.

H.M.'s story illustrates one more major demarcation in the brain's management of memory. His remote memories survived his surgery, and in particular his "knowledge base" was unimpaired: he would have known, for example, what a skyscraper is and what "skyscraper" means. There is much still to learn about learning, from the details of the microscopic modifications it induces to the patterns of activation in the brain when we remember. But the distinctions which have emerged from the study of patients like H.M., between short and long-term memory, declarative and procedural, semantic and episodic, will structure the study of memory for many years to come.

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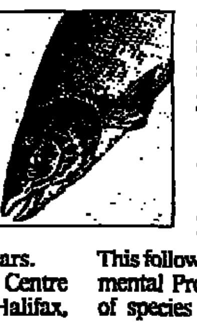
Synapses, the points at which a signal passes between nerve cells; cycling is a skill we perform without conscious recall

Rising sea temperatures may be killing Britain's fish

Where are all our salmon?

Satellites are to be used to discover whether rising sea temperatures in the Atlantic are behind the sharp decline in salmon returning to Britain's rivers.

Climbing temperatures, triggered by global warming, may be causing the cold-water feeding grounds off southern Greenland and the Faroe Islands to shrink. They may also be altering the point where the Gulf Stream meets cold waters from the Arctic, reducing *the supply of food to adult fish.*



The theory is to be tested by scientists in Canada and Britain, who are to use one of the world's most sophisticated satellites to check Atlantic sea temperatures from Norway to Labrador. Readings from the European Space Agency's ERS-2 satellite are to be compared with those from other satellites and ship-made measurements over the past 15 years.

Dr Brian Whitehouse, of the Atlantic Centre for Remote Sensing of the Oceans in Halifax, Nova Scotia, says: "When the salmon leave their rivers we believe they stay in colder waters of between two and 10 degrees C north of the *Gulf Stream. The temperature* could be crucial... we want to see if it has changed and what the size of that cold water is now."

The project is being orchestrated by the Atlantic Salmon Trust in Britain, with backing from the Ministry of Agriculture's fisheries laboratory in Lowestoft and the Scottish Office's fish laboratories in Pitlochry, Tayside, and Aberdeen. Captain *Jeremy Read, of the trust,* says: "There has been a steady decline in salmon from British rivers in the last 20 years.

"The numbers of smolts [young salmon] being produced is high, but the numbers of fish coming back is falling. So there is increased mortality at sea."

Last year angling on the River Dee was closed to conserve salmon. The trust hopes that the three-year research programme will also help to set up a better way of managing stocks.

Satellites can beam back information in minutes on the state of the sea. *Captain Read says that this could be* used to forecast the numbers of salmon likely to return to rivers, allowing landowners to set quotas. The information could also be used to increase the stocking of rivers to ensure that numbers do not fall.

John Gummer, the Environment *Secretary, has promised to step up* research into rising temperatures. This follows research by the American Environmental Protection Agency showing that scores of species would be lost from huge areas if temperatures continue to rise.

Captain Read says that research carried out in Britain by the Institute of Freshwater *Ecology confirmed the American claims. "It has* shown that an increase in temperature has an effect on the size of sea-trout smolts and hampers their ability to survive at sea and migrate," he says.

Captain Read says that research is needed to screen families of sea trout to find genetic differences. It may be possible then to breed sea *trout and salmon to* withstand global warming.

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The head of the Criminal Bar Association tells **Anne McElvoy** how she conquered a male bastion

'Women lawyers no longer need to feel cowed by men'

As I scan the board of names outside the barristers' chambers in the Temple's Brick Court, that of Anne Rafferty leaps out from the pathologically neat lists.

I wonder why, given that it is nowhere near as exotic as many of the other illustrious purveyors of prosecution and defence. But it conjures up a reassuring image of the sort of no-nonsense poise you would be jolly glad to encounter, were you ever to find yourself accused of murdering your husband's lover.

Person and name turn out to be a wonderful fit. Rafferty, 45, one of Britain's top criminal lawyers and the new chairman of the 2,000-strong Criminal Bar Association — the first woman to hold the post at the head of the key consultative body for criminal law matters — is adept at walking with great speed in her sharp, straight-skirted suit. Slightly chippy at the idea that the appointment causes more interest than usual because she is a woman, she admonishes *The Times*'s photographer: "We wouldn't be doing this if I were a bloke."

She beat three male candidates to the post, which she will carry out besides her schedule as a QC, a job in which she is highly regarded, according to one colleague, for her "extraordinary calm in the face of really ghastly murders". In addition, she is a part-time Crown Court Recorder.

Her main motivation for heading the CBA appears to be her frustration with the unsettling effects on lawyers of the welter of legislation. The changes in sentencing, and attempts to decrease the use of suspended sentences and promote tough punishments for young offenders in order to boost the Government's image as being tough on crime, are a particular bugbear. "You go to court thinking, 'I hope I haven't missed something that came in on midnight on Wednesday'," she says. "It is disconcerting for everyone and it shows a lack of the strong, courageous insight a government needs in order to give stability to the law."

But all administrations are prone to gorge themselves on new legislation and, after a long time in power, the temptation to fiddle with the margins after the big ideas for change have run out is irresistible. Would it be all that different if Tony Blair were in No 10?

'I wouldn't want my husband sitting there in the well of the court'

The expectations of the barrister-turned-crown prince are high in the Inns of Court. "His approach would be a point of great interest to me," she says. "He ought to know that it is better for a government to take a long view of legislation. I understand the tension between that side of him and immediate political needs, but as members of a profession, we have to strive for long-term results."

The place is agog with speculation about how Cherie Blair — who has, like Miss Rafferty, become a silk with precocious speed — will combine the roles of Prime Minister's consort and full-time barrister, should her husband's skills of advocacy sway the nation when it counts. "I don't think it would be professionally difficult for her at all," says Miss Rafferty, "even if she might find some mechanical problems combining two demanding and very different roles."

But she is unenthusiastic about Mrs Blair's decision to embrace the role of political wife through the traditional channel of sitting on the party conference podium beside her husband and holding his hand. "I thought she might be in the audience rather than beside him on the platform. That's his job. Hers is something else. After all, I wouldn't want my husband sitting in the well of the court during a difficult case."

Anyway, her husband, Brian Barker, is more likely to be in a court of his own — he is a leading QC specialising in fraud cases. "He is senior to me and being married to him has brought the extra benefit of having a walking reference book in the living room." The couple have three school-age daughters. A fourth died at the age of two. "That has coloured the way that I am," she says simply. "It was devastating for us."

She found the combination of barristering and bringing up her children "an incredible grind" in the early years. "I didn't stop working. The profession was much more old-fashioned in its approach to women then. There was no question of being let off chambers rent for a while. I had to keep going and just hoping that I wouldn't go mad when they dropped their baked beans for the fifteenth time. It is better nowadays, but criminal law will always be tough on women because it is court-based and rather inflexible."

She says that she was inspired as a young barrister by the tenacity of Barbara Mills, now Director of Public Prosecutions, who has become a friend. After the stabbing of Mrs Mills's husband, she rang to comfort her, characteristically dispensing strength rather than weepy sympathy. "I told her, 'Chin up, old boot'." Feminists hoping that she will use her high profile to give force to their complaints about the lot of women in the profession are likely to be disappointed. She was not convinced by a colleague's research claim that there is institutionalised sexual harassment in the Inns of Court. The case of Nigel Hamilton, QC, suspended for bestowing unwelcome attentions on a female colleague, does not strike her as part of a pattern. "There are still men who are intentionally or unintentionally patronising, but I think that young women are more and more able to be both pleasant and assertive."

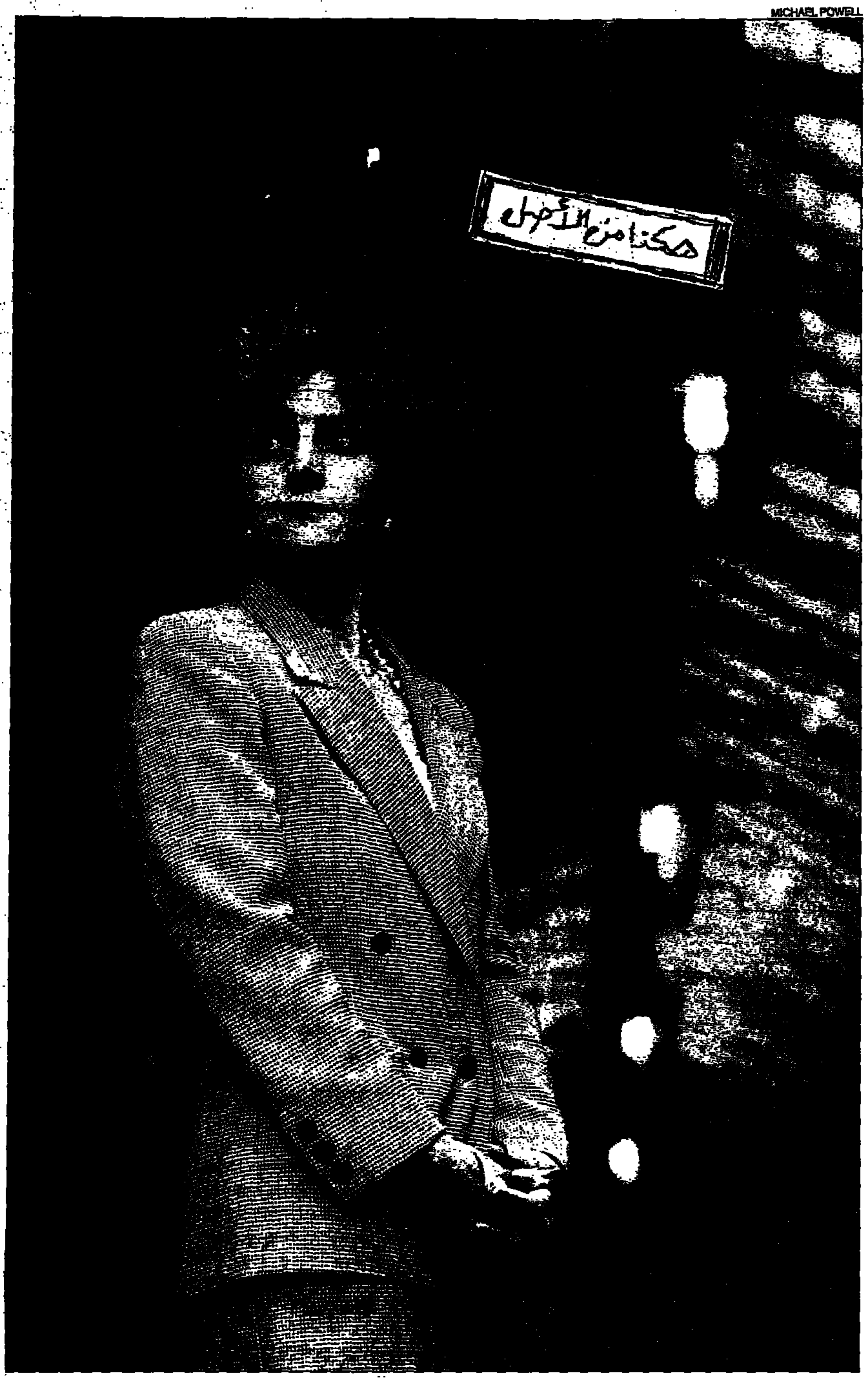
'Some defendants were simply eating out of my hand'

There is an emerging women's network among London barristers, of which she fights shy. Her reputation is that of a formidable, slightly intolerant colleague and a loner. "My temperament is my own and I am prepared to tread a path some might consider lonely," is a typical self-summary.

She clearly finds the embrace of conventional feminism stifling. A headmistress's daughter from Lancashire, she recalls that "it didn't cross my mind that I wouldn't have a fulfilling career". She graduated from Sheffield University, and started her pupillage at a time when many top chambers were leery of taking on anyone — let alone a woman — from a non-Oxbridge background. The Bar still has a reputation for giving preference to candidates from the older universities, which she is keen to dispel. "Being a good barrister demands a huge range of formal, intellectual and intangible skills, like being able to talk to a judge, a thug and a detective inspector naturally. The very unpretentiousness and originality that lead some people to decide to try more adventurous universities might later make them damn good barristers. We can't afford to lose such people."

Some solicitors she has encountered would not entertain the idea of engaging a woman barrister. "But in other cases, it worked well for me — there have been defendants who were so stunned to have a woman cross-examining them that I had them eating out of my hand."

Her own eldest daughter, 15-year-old Camilla, may well follow her to the Bar. "The great thing about where women are now is that we can be amused, or diverted or plain fed-up about some men's attitudes to gender at work. But we no longer have any reason to feel cowed by them."


MICHAEL POWELL

Anne Rafferty: she found the combination of barristering and bringing up her children "an incredible grind"

Look back in forgiveness

John Osborne's loved ones should not carry on being angry for him

GREAT giggling among the literati over John Osborne's memorial service. How amusing, how brave, how original of his widow and mourners to put a placard by the church gate, banning his pet enemies from entry! "The following will NOT be admitted" it trilled, giving four names and nicknames: a director, a critic, an actor and a fellow-playwright.

Framed and glazed, the sign marked not a sudden decision but a plot laid over months by his friends. One told *The Times*: "It was discussed at the Garrick Club in February and in two lunches at the *Spectator*." Oh, super. So the placard was put outside the house of God, apparently without any demur from the clergy (two reverends, two canons) assembled at St-Giles-in-the-Fields. It would be nice to think they never saw it, but clerics are dreadfully wet these days; they are probably not in the business of spoiling the memorial service trade by bringing up all that embarrassing stuff about turning the other cheek and forgiving those who trespass against us.

LIBBY PURVES

Oh no: not when there's Lord Gowrie reading the lesson and Lord Snowdon in a pew, and Dame Maggie Smith doing a bit of *Pilgrim's Progress* and a soprano belting out *Fairest Isle* to the massed intelligentsia. The Church of England, at its oleaginous worst, regularly lets celebrities get away with murder at these godless socialite services, and this was just the ultimate piece of irreligious, spiteful and tasteless theatrical campery that was bound to happen.

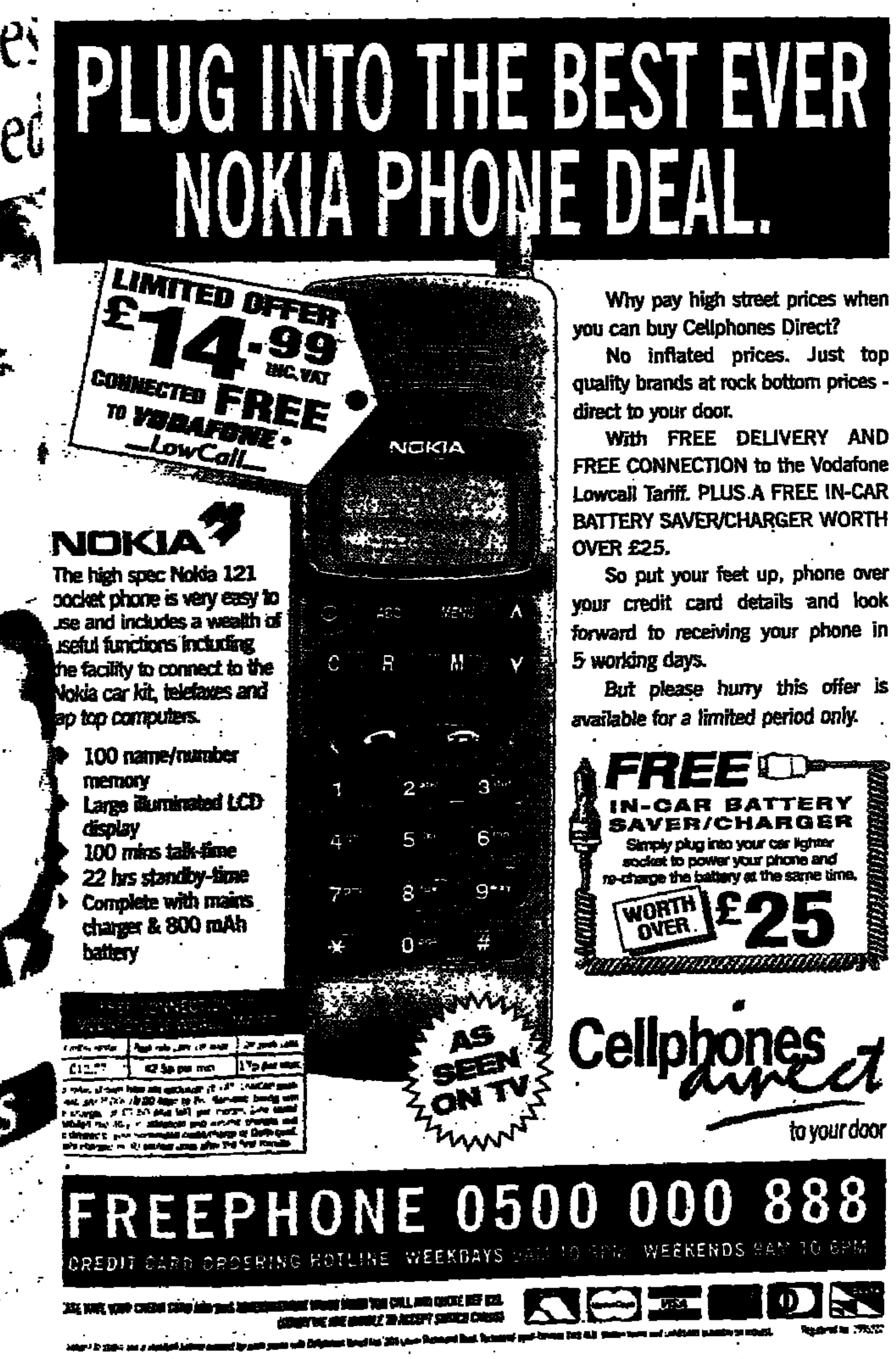
Nobody was there to round on this self-satisfied lot and say: "Look, if you want a memorial service in church, then behave like Christians. If we believe anything, we believe that our brother John Osborne has gone to a place far beyond earthly feuding. The fact that he and Albert Finney once had a row about royalties is not relevant in the face of the great mystery of death. Anyway, who are you to presume that the glorified John still hates anybody? In the clear dawn of eternity, all things are reconciled: even him and Nicholas de Jongh of the London *Evening Standard*. So take that sacrilegious thing down, or you can all go and do your dramatic readings on the pavement."

Not a chance. Only we outsiders, at a distance, can read about the jape and murmur the only word that fits: *pathetic*. Osborne's feuds were pathetic while he lived, and it does his memory no service to prolong them. You don't mention people's bad breath or nose-picking at their obsequies; so why their feeble inability to forgive, or at least, for God's sake, forget?

Still, it serves as a useful reminder that all feuding is pathetic and infantile (indeed, the sort of thing that infants get kept in at playtime for, and made to tidy the art-cupboard). There is an absurd tendency to glorify grudges and feel that those who hold on to them are somehow fine fellows rather than petulant retards. A few pages on from the Osborne disgrace you might have read the outburst of Julie Burchill against her former friend and co-founder of *Modern Review*. She promised to destroy Toby Young's career. "Bald as a coot . . . incredibly stupid . . . everybody hates him . . . he has no future here. He'll have to leave the country, like everyone else who falls out with me." Piffle. Julie: go and tidy the art cupboard until you are ready to shake hands and be friends. A quick roar of fury like Germaine Greer's at Suzanne Moore is one thing; a few weeks' smarting rage at an insult is only human. A long-term deliberate feud is what we doctors call "sulking". It is not pretty.

IN FACT, it is downright hideous behaviour, the mark of the most spoilt coterie of a spoilt and decadent society. Meanwhile, Nelson Mandela can forgive the lost years on Robben Island, the bereaved of the Irish conflict can bring themselves to work for peace and reconciliation: and this week a Palestinian and a Jew bring out a joint book. Uzi Mahnaimi was an Israeli spymaster. Bassam Abu-Sharif is the Palestinian hijacker who trained Carlos the Jackal and was appallingly maimed by a Mossad parcel-bomb. They call themselves friends today, and write for reconciliation.

The more you think about this, the more nauseous becomes the spectacle of petulant, public, cliquey, self-satisfied feuding. Not clever, chaps: not clever at all.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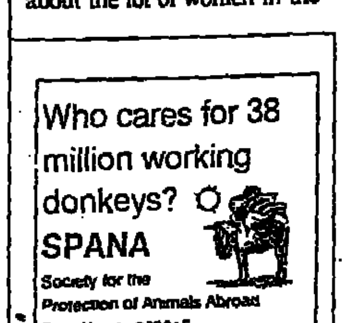
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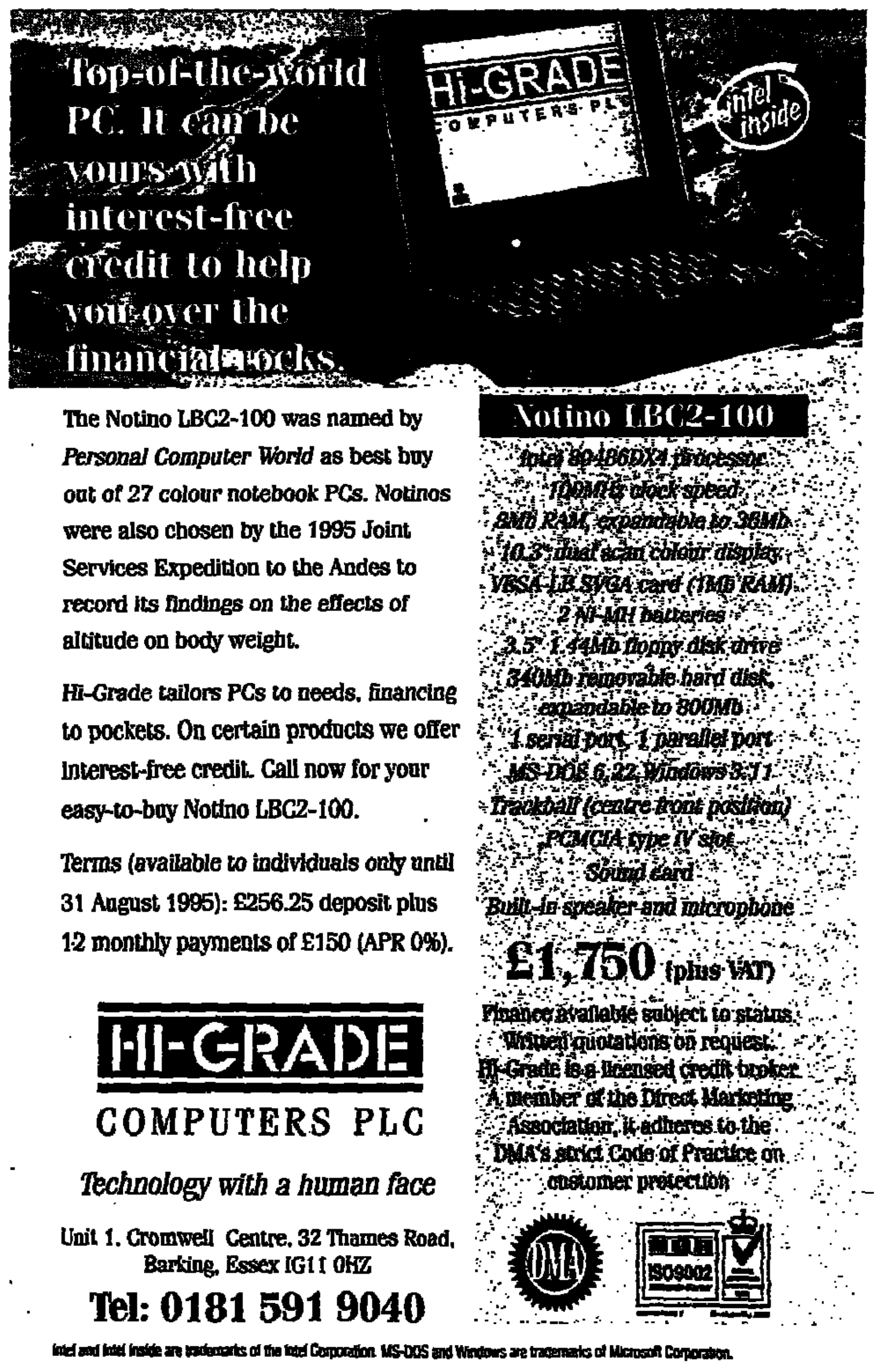
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■ However far away evil may be, the media bring it home to us — and gives the impression it's all around

Bank Station being a terminus of the Docklands Light Railway, trains wait, doors open. I was on one. From the passage to the platform came a woman's voice: "Help! Please, somebody help me!"

Everybody in the carriage sprang up and ran towards the sound. We didn't stop to calculate the danger, or the risk of missing our train. Though apparently synchronised, each acted alone, instinctively. Isn't this how almost all of us would react?

In fact there was no need. The shouts came from a woman in no danger, but mentally ill. We returned sheepishly to our train and our newspapers.

In my mind was one of those articles — you see them all the time — about someone being attacked "in broad daylight" without anyone coming to his aid. I *must say these stories* seldom ring true. Journalists do not invent them, but surrounding circumstances which might explain bystanders' apparent callousness are left out — precisely because they do explain. The story of an unbelievably callous public is too good to check.

I doubt if people today are much better or worse than in medieval times

But I have not noticed it — no, not even in London. Everywhere I see people handing money to beggars and buskers, helping tourists. If you ask for help, complete strangers will often go to some trouble. I am sceptical whether medieval or Victorian or Edwardian London was a kinder place.

Soon after my Bank experience, I was on a bus in the Outer Hebrides. A mother boarded with a youth who seemed harmless but a bit simple. They travelled to the end of the bus route and then (like me) straight back again. She was taking him for a bus ride, for fun. On alighting she paid for her ticket but the driver turned a blind eye to her boy. A decent, common-sense human act.

And I know this flies in the face of the wisdoms we like to murmur, but I doubt if people in the Hebrides are as different as we think from people in London. I doubt if the world is getting much worse, or any better.

Whence, then, the impression of a nation of 56 million hurtling towards moral disintegration? We read about it: every day some new, appalling story of evil or folly. Our news media present us with a nation we simply don't recognise in those around us: friends, street or neighbourhood. There is, in Mr Major's phrase, a disjunction.

I have a theory about this disjunction. It is that we human beings, as intellects, can count to 56 million and more, and with our brains calculate in every kind of number. But that as animals we cannot really comprehend the idea of more fellow-beings than we could *live with in a familiar* tribe. We *say* things like "one-and-a-half million people" but we have little feel for what that means. We really just think "a lot".

The fact that two or three hundred people will be killed on the roads this month sounds horrific to us. We can picture two or three hundred bodies. Carnage. We cannot understand that 300 is not many, because we have no mental grip on the number 56 million: the national pool from which they will be drawn.

Lotteries and insurance companies trade cannily on the problems people have with grasping big numbers. We know the chance of winning the lottery (or finding your house burnt down) is very small, but — well, you still *might*.

Tell people, however, that you are less likely to win the lottery than to walk up to a *stranger in the street and* correctly guess his telephone number; or that the chance of your house burning down is smaller than the chance of your dying of natural causes while waiting for the insurance payout . . . and they begin to see the size of it.

I think that in our heads we are all living on a Hebridean island, or in a village. Our universe is populated by the only numbers we really know: the scope of our comprehension, a few hundred. When news reaches us of human wickedness, its prevalance within the universe is calculated (unconsciously) against the framework of those modest numbers. So if someone is beaten up in broad daylight and no one helps, or a ring of child-molesting devil-worshippers is uncovered, or an old lady is raped by a drug-crazed youth, then it is clear that our village (or island) is going from bad to worse.

Just one such wickedness just once in a decade would after all be a dismaying statistic in a village of 200. But in a population of 56 million, a few incidents like this are incomparably less significant. And although assented to intellectually, this is never emotionally grasped. In the world as a whole, a child-molesting, drug-crazed, devil-worshippng *youth is raping an old lady at any hour of the day. It doesn't mean very much.*

With increasing comprehensiveness and in ever-greater detail, our news media bring us reports of evil gathered from the whole population. But we are reading the *Daily Mirror* as though it were the parish magazine.

It is not. Despite millennial hot air about the moral disintegration of modern Britain, the people on that Docklands train differ from the people on that Hebridean bus in only the most marginal ways.

Don't assume that an old English gentleman's historic culture means he is behind the times

Tradition and the innovative talent

William Rees-Mogg

In Somerset we may be better at funerals than at weddings. We like the long rhythms of life: we enjoy the recognition of a long life well lived. Weddings always have some rue mixed with the orange blossom. A good funeral tells one a lot about the values of a society, and Somerset funerals particularly mark a chapter in the historic continuity which is a strong a part of our culture. Last Thursday afternoon I went to the funeral of Geoffrey Waldegrave, the 12th Earl, who had died in his 90th year. The funeral was held at Chewton Mendip, where he had worshipped since the 1930s. The church has one of the finest Somerset towers, *almost as good as Wrington, but the* body of it was ruthlessly reconstructed in 1865. In the churchyard there is a medieval cross, with the Christ figure standing with arms not outstretched, but bound behind his back.

The funeral brought together a large congregation. Geoffrey Waldegrave enjoyed a strong 65-year marriage, and had a large family, with plenty of grandchildren, a son in the Cabinet, a daughter who is a lady-in-waiting, a son-in-law who is chairman of the BBC. There were many neighbours, tenants, people from the village, representatives of West Country associations and the Lord Lieutenant. It was a Somerset funeral in the old style. People were saying afterwards that this would be the last such occasion, that we should never see its like again, and so on. I have been to several such last occasions, so I do not believe that this will be the end of so long a tradition. Half a mile away from Chewton Mendip there are the old green barrows in which they buried the local chieftains of the Bronze Age. I am sure that the mourners then, as they walked away *from the pre-Druid ceremony,* were telling each other that they would never see the like again. In Somerset almost everything has happened again and again back to a distant past, and will happen again and again, into a distant future.

I was reminded on this occasion of seeing Geoffrey Waldegrave himself *at the funeral of a neighbouring* landowner, Bayntun Hippisley, in 1956. Then Geoffrey was wearing a bowler hat; in the 1990s no one still wears bowler hats, so far as I could see. Otherwise little had changed. Like Geoffrey Waldegrave himself, Bayntun Hippisley demonstrated that this highly traditional culture, in which one could almost stretch out a hand and touch the earlier centuries, can still produce very useful men, and very modern men at that. In Somerset we believe that Bayntun Hippisley personally won the First World War. He came from a family with an engineering and scientific talent: his grandfather had been a Fellow of the Royal Society. Bayntun was an early pioneer of radio research; in 1913 he was appointed a member of the Parliamentary Commission on Wireless for the Army. When war broke out in 1914 he joined Naval Intelligence and was made a commander. He was the man who solved the problem of listening to the U-boats when they were talking to each other on the radio, by devising a double-tuning device which simultaneously *identified the* waveband and the precise wavelength. That, it is said, was essential to clearing the Western Approaches in late 1917, when American troops were coming over. Bayntun Hippisley sat in Goonhilly listening to the U-boat captains as they chatted happily to each other in clear German; he told the destroyers *where to find them; the food and* the Americans got through.

There was, so far as I know, nothing comparably dramatic in Geoffrey Waldegrave's life, though he fought in the Second World War. He was remembered at his funeral as he had been in his later years, as something of a historic, almost a feudal, figure. That does not entirely miss his character, but it misses the main point of his life. He succeeded his father as a young man in 1936, and inherited an old-fashioned and rather run-down estate, which in the 19th century had been pillaged by the extravagant countess, who was said to have died owing £20,000 to her fishmonger.

At heart, Geoffrey was a young moderniser. He *modernised his* estate, he became a pioneer manager of woodlands, he founded the successful cheesemaking business, he went on to become a reforming chairman of the Forestry Commission in the 1960s; he modernised the management of the Duchy of Cornwall estate when he was Lord Warden of the *Stannaries for ten years in the 1960s* and 1970s. When he was young everyone realised that he was a moderniser, indeed Somerset people rather feared him for that, particularly after he had pulled down his own house, Chewton Priory, which had suffered equally from the Victorian building mania and dry rot. Yet if a man is a 12th earl, a Knight of the Garter, and has been Warden of the Stannaries he will not in his eighties be seen as a modernising manager, but more as a romantic relic.

My own experience has been that the very ancient culture of Somerset is a fertile soil for developing such very practical and innovative qualities. The common view is that a strongly traditional society with a sense of history inhibits the energy and imagination that make for the best response to changes in the world. The Somerset people I have known do not at all bear that out. There could not be, for instance, a more deeply traditional Somerset family than the Showerings, winning their first prizes for sparkling perry in the old-fashioned flower-shows of the 1930s, but using that sparkling perry to dominate the brand name business in the competitive British drinks trade of the 1960s.

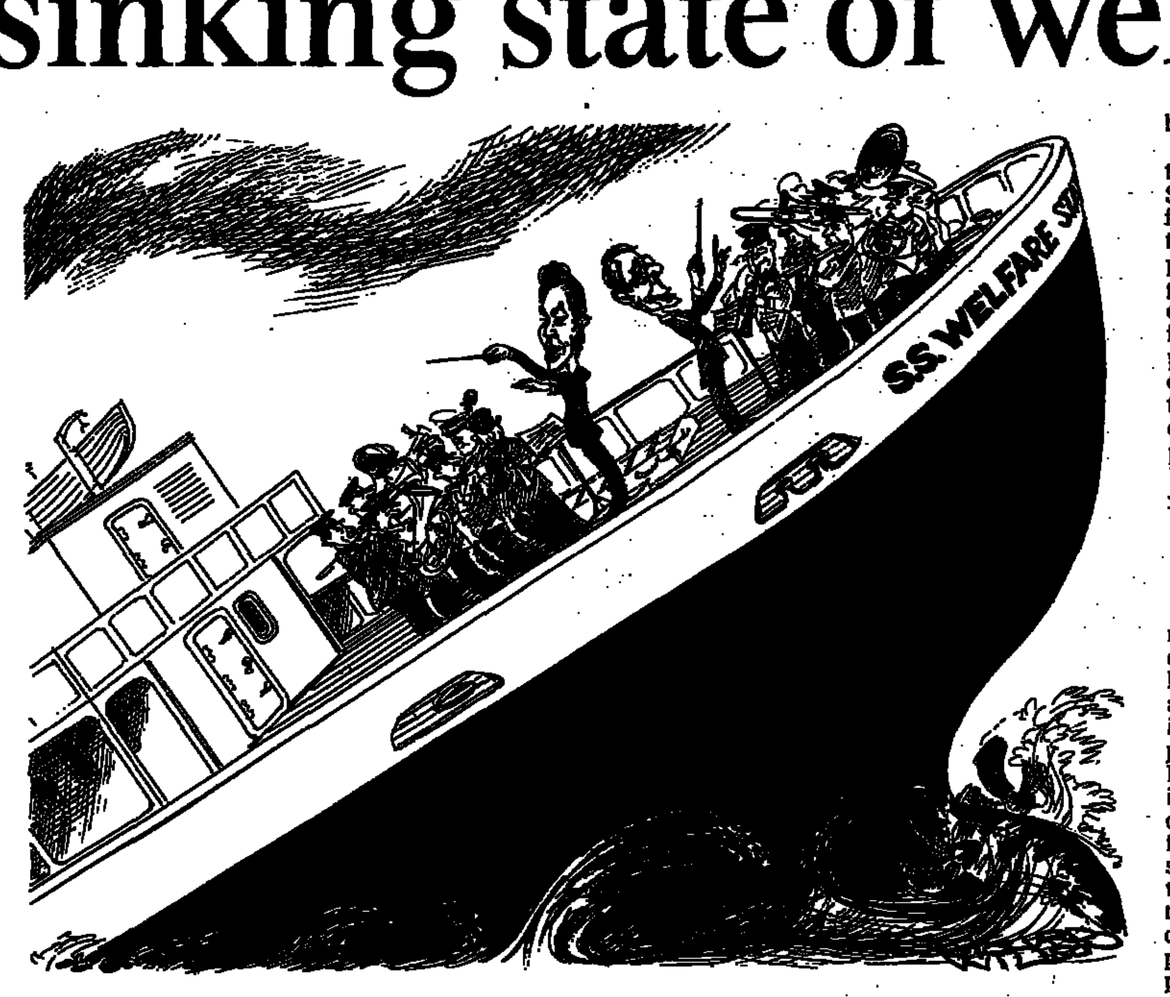
Somerset's great intellectual figures, such as Roger Bacon, the earliest English scientist, or John Locke, the greatest of English philosophers, were also innovators, men who changed the history of human thought. Of course there are other English counties which have similar *deep historic traditions,* but Somerset can stand as a representative for them as well. The question is whether the ancient English traditions are now a help or a hindrance to us. Do they still nourish our development as a nation, or would we be better off without them?

If he had not been an earl, Geoffrey Waldegrave would have been seen more clearly for what by temperament he was, a very practical and innovative man. Even in his later years he was a vigorous chairman of the Wells Cathedral Appeal, climbing scaffolding, cajoling donors, putting his energy into restoring the cathedral. The difference that Somerset and the earldom made was that he gave more than half his life to public service. Few, even of the best managers, do that. His traditions included *this strong sense of public duty.*

Yet the history does all reach back, century behind century. The Waldegraves have owned their Chewton estate for half a millennium; the estate can be traced back before them to Anglo-Saxon times. Their land stretches to Priddy, that most mysterious of the Mendip villages. The myth is that Joseph of Arimathea brought Jesus to Priddy as a youth when he was buying Mendip lead as a Phoenician merchant. "As sure as Christ was at Priddy," is a local saying. Such deep roots strengthen the Somerset people, and improve rather than inhibit their powers in practical life.

The sinking state of welfare

Peter Riddell on two views of how the public's rising expectations might be met



British politics has too few informed iconoclasts. Most politicians are happy to foster the public's belief that it can have both ever-expanding public services *and* tax cuts. That has now been questioned, not just by the Tory Right in imitation of Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America", but also by those always stimulating challengers of party orthodoxy, Robert Skidelsky and Frank Field.

The Government claims that improved efficiency, through market-based reforms, will allow universal provision to be maintained while it restrains the growth of spending sufficiently to permit tax cuts. Labour's response has been opaque. In its dash for respectability, the party has been ultra-cautious, saying that extra spending on services can be found from savings elsewhere, cutting back on the tax breaks of the rich and "as resources permit".

Lord Skidelsky believes this is a mere illusion. The demand for better *education and health is rising faster* than national income, and can never be met by the State. There is obvious public resistance to paying higher taxes. Structural changes in health, education and other public services may help. But Skidelsky argues that no amount of supply-side reform or efficiency savings will bridge the gap between expectations and reality and enable increased demand to be met entirely out of taxes.

At present, the Government antagonises providers of public services, while at best only slightly reducing the share of public spending in the economy in years of strong growth. Consequently, there are protests over class sizes, hospital closures and nurses' and teachers' pay. Money is not the whole answer — efficiency can always be improved — but more money is part of the answer. As Skidelsky said in a recent Conserva*tive Political Centre lecture,* "We cannot simply go on squeezing the public services while hoping for miracles of productivity to raise standards. In education, improvements in quality imply declining productivity as conventionally measured — smaller classes per teacher, not larger ones. They are only two alternatives: to raise taxes or to inject private money into these services."

Left-wing critics of the Labour leaders' caution argue that the party should publicly admit that needed improvements in the welfare state will require higher taxes. But such candour is hardly appealing to those eager for office. The Liberal Democrats have talked of earmarking an extra penny on income tax for education. But this is fraught with

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problems. There is generally no direct link between earmarked taxes and favoured programmes, nor any way a taxpayer can make a choice.

Skidelsky's solution is to provide an outlet for the suppressed demand for better services. National education spending should not be limited by the public sector's ability to raise taxes. People are prepared to spend more for these services. On top of what they pay in taxes for state schools, better-off parents pay roughly twice as much for private education. But parents in the state system cannot pay more to improve their children's education, apart from fundraising for peripheral activities. Skidelsky's answer is to top up taxpayer-financed provision. This is already happening in the case of cash benefits, with people increasingly supplementing the basic state pension with occupational and, with *some hiccups, personal pensions.*

The State, then, would finance a basic service, with everything else paid for by personal contributions. All schools would be allowed to charge fees, and parents would receive a voucher equivalent to the current per-pupil cost of state education, allowing for a top-up. (This solution is now favoured by Skidelsky's old adversary, John Patten, in his recent book, *Things to Come.*) Most parents would have to contribute something, which should make them more involved. There are problems with Skidelsky's scheme, such as how to prevent the creation of greater divisions, with inferior schools for the poor. But a voucher could be weighted in favour of poor families, or a larger grant could be given to schools in poor areas.

With the health service, the difficulties are even greater. I doubt whether Skidelsky's suggestion of vouchers for a fixed number of GP consultations per patient would work. The private sector could, however, have a greater role in financing care for the elderly, an area of growing concern for many middle-income families. In parallel with private pensions, people of working age could be encouraged to save, or insure, against healthcare costs in old age. This lies behind the proposals being considered by the Downing Street policy unit for retirement savings accounts.

Frank Field's starting point is different, but he too wants to tap the driving forces of self-interest, self-improvement and altruism. He deplores the effects of means tests in rewarding lying, cheating and deceit. Unusually as a Labour MP, he argues that there *is no general support among tax*payers for redistribution to the poor. Rather, welfare should create an income floor to replace the income ceiling created by means-tested welfare. He proposes comprehensive insurance cover with flexible contributions, so that families can improve their own lot. A national insurance corporation (run by employers, employees and Government) and a private pensions corporation would oversee universal private provision, based on compulsory contributions. These bodies look too much like giant quangos, but the underlying idea of reviving personal involvement and contributions is appealing.

Peter Lilley has begun to face up to the limits of state provision in social security, but the dilemma has not been addressed in either education or health. Present policies will produce only growing frustation. The Skidelsky and Field proposals offer two ways out of the current political straitjacket. Private provision should be seen as a supplement to public services for the many, not an expensive alternative for a wealthy few. Everyone should be allowed to contribute more for services they want.

Frank Field's Making Welfare Work *is published at £10 by the Institute of Community Studies, 18 Victora Park Square, London E2 9PF.*

Running on

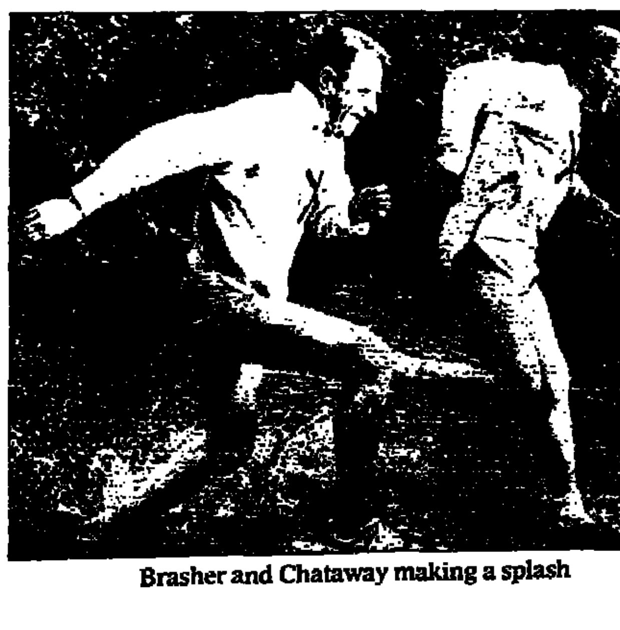
OXFORD University's famous runnign track will be awash with nostalgia later this month at the 100th anniversary of the Oxford and Cambridge versus Harvard and Yale athletics match. The highlight at Iffley Road, where Roger Bannister became the first man to run the mile in under four minutes, will surely be a veteran's race over the same distance involving his pacemakers for that 1954 triumph: Christophers Brasher and Chataway.

A host of former participants in the Transatlantic Series, the oldest international match in the world, are converging for the gala on June 28, which will be followed the next day by a banquet at London's Guildhall. But the most keenly watched and competed event will surely feature Chataway, 64, now chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, and Brasher, 67, the London Marathon supremo.

"More than 90 past participants in the series will be competing, including this famous pair," says organiser Pete Crawshaw. "They are down for the mile."

Chataway is vague about whether or not he will be pulling on his spikes, and is unduly modest about his ability. On Sunday he runs in a 10km race at Cranfield University, which recently awarded him an honorary doctorate. "I shall trot round slowly in my old age. I run two or three times a week. Sometimes two miles, but I don't think ever more than 12 — that was when I lost the way. My last serious track race was in 1956. Maybe one or two of the older *ladies will be in sight when I* finish."

In truth, he is in good shape. A couple of years ago he ran a mile in 5 minutes, 36 seconds. "Not bad for my age," he admits.



Brasher and Chataway making a splash

THE TIMES DIARY

● *It may have taken the Catholic Church four centuries to rehabilitate Galileo after his excommunication for saying the Earth moved round the Sun, but it has not been slow to embrace the information superhighway. An "integrated services digital network" has been installed in the Catholic Communications Centre in London so that Cardinal Basil Hume can speak to the world without any background crackle.*

Burmese daze

FURTHER to my note about the significant role played by mules in Burma during the Second World War, I have some additional details to impart, from a reader who was a member of the 2 Dorsets Battalion in the Far East at the time.

"We once staged a *mule Derby* Day," he recalls, "but our mules used to eat through their tethering ropes, so orders were given that we should get rid of them. Luckily we were reissued with donkeys, or we would have had to carry all the kit ourselves."

However, the donkeys did not come up to scratch either. "The men ended up carrying more than the donkeys. One man was actually seen carrying his donkey," the 83-year-old warhorse remembers.

Car doctor

SIMON HARRISON — who followed his grandfather Rex into the acting profession — has found his on-screen japes coming back to haunt him.

He is perhaps best known for his role as an accident-prone surgeon in the TV series *Surgical Spirit.* Shortly after an episode the other day in which his character took a driving lesson and ploughed into a vintage MG, he was preparing for the first night of *Good Morning Bill,* an adaptation of a P.G. Wodehouse novel, at the Palace Theatre, Watford, when he was on the receiving end.

"I was sitting at home having something to eat before the performance when I heard a huge crash," *says Harrison. "I thought it was* just the dustmen being particularly noisy, but then a neighbour knocked on the door and asked if the red Escort was mine. Somebody had crashed into it. It was not what I needed on opening night."

Dues paid

LORD WILSON's dedication to his native county has earned him the highest posthumous honour. The Yorkshire Society is to place a plaque in his memory on Huddersfield Town Hall.

"He was one of our founder members and vice-president for a long time," says David Daniel of the society. "He came to a lot of dinners over the years." Clearly the great man did not count the pennies in the way that some misinformed people cruelly suggest is characteristic of natives of the Ridings. "He always paid his subscription promptly and always paid considerably more than the going rate," says Daniel.

In the swim

PIERCE BROSNAN will be heading for his native Ireland for the first time in ten years this week — but not to see the people so much as to visit Fungi, a friendly dolphin on the Dingle peninsula in Co Kerry.

"Tomorrow is the last day's filming of the new James Bond film, *Goldeneye.* I'll be jumping about on a flying helicopter in Watford. Then we're off to Ireland. I can't wait," he said at Alfred Dunhill's Queen's Cup at the Guards Polo Club, Windsor, yesterday.

It will not be Brosnan's first brush with a dolphin. Last year he adopted a rare pink specimen of the species, which lives in waters off Hong Kong. "My girlfriend Keely persuaded me to do it. She's an environmental journalist," he explained.

P·H·S

FIREFLIES IN JUNE

Another Clinton policy is no sooner made than unmade

What seemed to be a decisive change in Bill Clinton's policy on Bosnia last week has again evaporated in a series of "clarifications" by appalled presidential aides, and a clumsy effort at backtracking by the President himself. Within days of Mr Clinton's apparently firm offer last Wednesday to use American ground troops to help the United Nations to "move and strengthen its forces if necessary", the suggestion has been quickly filleted of operational meaning — indeed of almost any meaning at all.

On Saturday, Mr Clinton asked Americans to believe that what he really meant was that US troops could be used for an "emergency extraction" of UN forces in dire trouble — although his promise to consult Congress first hardly suggests that the cavalry would arrive in time. At the UN, Madeleine Albright gamely attempted yesterday to make all this sound consistent, before reaching for the comforting conclusion that "it's highly unlikely that we will be asked". William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, has reverted to ruling out the use of ground forces other than to assist a total UN withdrawal — while offering the new rapid reaction force led by Britain and France an impressive range of weaponry.

What this flurry appears to signify is that Mr Clinton is now genuinely worried about appearing to leave America's close allies in the lurch in Bosnia, but still more worried that the first American casualty, seized on by a hostile Congress, would doom his hopes of re-election. With America firmly committed to participate in Nato's strategy for an Unprofor withdrawal, both these considerations inclined him to offer tactical US support for a strengthened UN mission. But as so often with this most changeable of Presidents, his latest wisp of resolve evaporated halfway down Pennsylvania Avenue, blown away by congressional muttering.

Where Bosnia is concerned, that may be all to the good. The Bosnian Serbs, aware that Americans react with near-hysteria to the very thought of hostage-taking, would have made it their business to take American prisoners at the first opportunity.

But as a further instance of Mr Clinton's fruitless quest for a formula that takes the risk out of world leadership, it must worry and exasperate America's allies.

Precisely because American decisions have wider impact than those of most governments, all American Presidents come under fire from abroad. European diplomats and politicians have complained for years about the difficulty of discovering who in Washington was really in charge of foreign policy — the White House, the President's National Security Adviser, the State Department or even, when crises abroad inflame the 20-year-old battle over the War Powers Act, the US Congress. Given the tortuous workings of America's constitutional checks and balances between executive and legislature, much always depends on individuals. But the Clinton Administration is harder to fathom than its predecessors, because it lacks even the beginnings of an internal consensus about America's place in the world.

Domestic opinion will always shape foreign policy: it should not preclude its formulation. The President who came to office saying that Americans must manage change "lest it engulf us" gives every appearance of being engulfed. His attention to foreign policy is at best episodic: witness his failure to attend a White House briefing on Bosnia last week which he himself had demanded. That would matter less if a Kissinger were there to do the job; but in the Clinton Administration, no such individual exists. There is internal feuding not only on Bosnia, but on dealing with Russia and China, on the future of Nato and even on trade. There is no need for America to use its military power everywhere in the world. But that does not alter the fact that influence depends not just on its economic strength, but on its perceived willingness to stand by its commitments to international security. The post-Cold War world may need subtler forms of deterrence: but it needs them nonetheless. Last week Mr Clinton seemed for a moment to have remembered this. But only for a moment.

SAFER THAN HOUSES

What Britain needs is a stable housing market

Stung by the anger he faced last week when he blamed borrowers for the housing boom of the 1980s, John Major seems determined to make amends. The No 10 policy unit is reportedly concocting plans to float house prices off the sandbanks. The Prime Minister should be wary of embarking on yet another misjudged gamble in housing policy.

Much of the grumbling on the doorsteps during the local election campaign was related to the state of the housing market — for which the Government, as well as borrowers and lenders, must take a share of the blame. Only recently have ministers woken up to the effect of past housing policies on their electoral fortunes. Economic growth, it seems, is not enough to make people feel good; the housing market must revive as well. The options under consideration apparently include tax relief for those with negative equity, a reduction in stamp duty, help for first-time buyers, and a rethink of the new proposals on payment of mortgage interest for the unemployed.

It is negative equity that is most electorally damaging. More than a million voters are saddled with unsecured and unanticipated debt. They cannot move house unless they take out an expensive personal loan to cover the difference between the value of the property and the mortgage itself. But any help for these people is fraught with difficulties. First, they are hard to identify: only when they try to move house is the size of their negative equity clear. But more important is the inequity of this proposal. Hundreds of thousands of people have already paid off their negative equity and traded down to a smaller property. How could the Government justify not extending help to the thriftiest? And there are millions more who have lost money on their properties, but were responsible enough to save for a decent deposit in the first place.

The hunt is on, then, for a policy that relieves the pain of negative equity without infuriating an equal or greater number of voters. Other ideas aim to stimulate house prices so that the deficits disappear. Reducing stamp duty would be expensive and not particularly effective, judging by the experience of 1992. Going back on the mortgage interest proposals for the unemployed would be thoroughly sensible, but politically embarrassing. Offering help to first-time buyers may prove to be the easiest policy; but it would be expensive and no less misguided than the others.

The main problem with Britain's housing market has always been that people start to buy long before they need to settle down. They have bought for fear of prices rising beyond their reach. The result has been a torpid private rented sector and an inflexible labour market. Artificially boosting first-time buyer demand could revive this cycle.

The surest way to improve confidence without reactivating the worst habits of British housebuyers is to keep real interest rates low. This policy would be electorally popular and cost-free to the Treasury. Moreover, as a report from Morgan Grenfell confirms today, house prices are last expected to rise sensibly, roughly in line with inflation. The Government should be hoping that the recession has changed housebuyer psychology, so that prices will no longer follow the pattern of unsustainable boom followed by painful bust. Nothing could be better for the long-term health of the economy.

MAESTRO MUTI

How one man and his piano saved La Scala from fiasco

A man in his time plays many parts. Few, however, play all of them at once — and certainly not at La Scala, where even the gods must compete for attention. But a lightning strike by the orchestra minutes before the curtain rose on *La Traviata* left the audience incandescent and the honour of the world's most celebrated opera house at risk. Riccardo Muti, with the spontaneity and daring for which the greatest conductors are noted, stepped into the breach, sat down at the piano and for two hours accompanied all the singers for La Scala's first production of Verdi's masterpiece in 25 years. His heroic *tour de force* won him prolonged and tumultuous applause.

The audience was rewarding not just his protection of their investment — up to £9,000 for a box — but also his daring. Opera is the sublime synthesis of music, voice and drama; to attempt it at all without all these vital components is to risk banality. Most big companies have suffered last-minute crises: the loss of a diva, the indisposition of a first violin, a fit of pique by the maestro. On stage, things also go wrong: scenery collapses, the fake swords fail to open or the music itself suffers a total implosion. Improvisation has often had to see the company through.

Opera has gone ahead without any scenery, with no chorus or with last-minute substitutes on stage and in the pit. But rarely, if ever, has it continued with no orchestra at all. The failure by the aptly named Sandro Malatesta, a trumpet player and secretary of the Federation of Entertainment Workers, to enforce silence in what is the more famous of Milan's two great cathedrals bodes ill for organised labour in the creative arts. The enraged audience hurled anathemas at the absent players — "Thieves, clowns, sack the lot of them" — and probably gave the indebted opera house managers a good idea for a permanent reduction in costs.

La Scala revels in its reputation for making or breaking the best. Well might Pavarotti's large frame have trembled when the unthinkable booing began as his voice displayed doubts on the higher notes. No star is too distant, no luminary too bright to escape the searing gaze of the Milanese. But while the players must now wonder whether they dare ever to grace a fashionable café again, Maestro Muti's reputation will surely soar to new heights. If he can now use this momentary magic to end the cantankerous discord that has brought the great opera house to the verge of financial ruin, he will be remembered as the saviour of La Scala for more than just an evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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British Gas and its responsibilities to shareholders

From Mr Peter Ingram

Sir, Your editorial, "Sid turns up the heat" (June 1), is correct to call on institutional shareholders to "exercise their muscle" (letters, June 2). As you point out, shareholders "in their thousands" were present at British Gas's annual general meeting, yet the block votes held by the institutions prevailed, avoiding a damaging vote of no confidence in the company's management.

Alternatively, the process of corporate governance in Britain might be better served if the institutional shareholders sought to offer guidance and restraint to prevent such potentially contentious issues arising in the first place.

In the light of recent experience the public mood has toughened. The views of the Government and the establishment of the Greenbury committee reflect this change. If institutional shareholders wish to operate in the best interests of the corporate sector and the millions of individuals they represent through pension funds, executive remuneration should be coordinated at this level.

Given the diversified nature of their shareholdings, it is at the level of the institutional investor that the externality of the executive pay league and excessive salary increases, which are frequently fuelled by comparison rather than performance, might best be controlled. A judicious application of gentle "muscle" of this nature is now due.

Yours faithfully,
PETER INGRAM,
University of Surrey,
Department of Economics,
Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH.
June 2.

From the Director of Corporate Affairs, British Gas

Sir, In your leader you refer to "defeat" for Sid. In fact a relatively small proportion of our 1.8 million shareholders actually came to the AGM, and only 11.5 per cent of the small shareholders cast their vote via proxy. Putting it another way, 88.5 per cent of them, representing well over 1.5 million, decided not to vote, which they were able to do if they had wanted to vote against the motion. Hardly a defeat for "millions of Sids".

The results of the poll have been published today. Over half the total shares were voted and Cedric Brown was supported by 97.6 per cent in favour of his re-election. The board's rationale for Mr Brown's basic pay was not based on the example of other big gas companies.

As we have stated on numerous occasions, the comparison was made with other FTSE 100 companies which did include international UK companies. However, our major competitor in the world is Enron, in the United States, whose chief executive is paid nine times as much as Mr Brown. These facts are on the record as evidence to the Employment Select Committee.

Furthermore, to describe British Gas as "still a monopoly" is very misleading. Twenty-eight per cent of our profits are now accounted for by Exploration & Production, which is bigger than the oil companies Lasmo and Enterprise put together.

Over half the UK market for gas has already been opened up to competition, and 65 per cent of this market is supplied by companies other than British Gas as a result of regulatory controls.

The domestic market, comprising the other half of the total market, will be opened up for competition, commencing in the South West next year, with full competition in 1998 once the Gas Bill receives Royal Assent.

As our chairman explained at the AGM, we believe we have brought our pay structure into line with current best practice. Nevertheless we will listen very carefully to our shareholders as well as shareholder representative bodies.

Where we have a lack of consensus or clarity on best practice, we have taken decisions based on what is most appropriate for us at this time. We will continue to monitor this evolution and, if and when necessary, we can adapt.

Yours sincerely,
PETER SANGUINETTI,
Director of Corporate Affairs,
British Gas,
Rivermill House,
152 Grosvenor Road, SW1.
June 2.

From Mr C. J. H. Edenborough

Sir, The only way that British Gas can regain any credibility is for an extraordinary general meeting to be called at which the institutional shareholders should justify their behaviour in backing the board before the minority shareholders. I am sure that if any of those institutional shareholders had been present and witnessed the feelings of the small shareholders they may have felt that what they were doing was not so clever after all.

Yours faithfully,
COURTNEY EDENBOROUGH
(Shareholder),
Wyndrift,
Ashley Green, Buckinghamshire.
June 2.

From Mr M. I. Webb

Sir, Socialism has done much to improve its image by changing its attitude to the block vote and Clause Four. On the other hand, the "unacceptable face of capitalism" was presented to the nation at the recent shareholders' meeting of British Gas when the great majority of shareholders present were defeated in their attempt to influence the board of directors by the block vote of major players — ie, pension fund managers, etc.

Intriguingly, the funds these managers invest in some cases come from the same organisations that once wielded the block vote to decide conference and party matters.

Can this same power be used to help influence future decisions of shareholders? It surely would be preferable to encouraging their members to seek the same generous improvement in remuneration for themselves.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE WEBB,
Smiddy House, Auchencrow,
Eyemouth, Berwickshire.
June 2.

From Mr Gordon Philo

Sir, Mr Richard Giordano, the chairman of British Gas, says (report, June 1) his board deserves the going rate. They have the rate. When are they going?

Yours etc,
GORDON PHILO,
10 Abercorn Close, NW8.

From Mr A. C. O. Fergusson

Sir, There is one answer to the director-general of Ofgas, Clare Spottiswoode's, request (report, June 1) for a 65 per cent pay rise which would solve the problem, and greatly increase Mr Heseltine's standing nationally: "No."

I am, etc,
ALEXANDER FERGUSSON,
Alton Albany,
Barr, Girvan, Ayrshire.
June 2.

Role for the Paras

From Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Robinson (retd)

Sir, The Royal Horse Artillery survives without its horses, regiments of cavalry man tanks and armoured cars and battalions of light infantry have forsaken their traditional rôle. The survival of The Parachute Regiment depends largely upon its willingness to abandon its particular method of getting troops to the battlefield should this prove unnecessary or unworkable in the future.

If The Parachute Regiment remains too stubbornly attached to the parachute (letters, May 30, June 2) it risks meeting the same sad demise as the muleteer.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROBINSON,
The Georgians, High Street,
Market Deeping, Lincolnshire.
June 2.

Currency conversion

From Mr Edward Reader

Sir, I had the pleasure of spending the last week of April in Berlin. I arrived back with a surplus of about DM600. My wife and I are going to France in September. As the pound was particularly low in early May compared with the DM, an obvious move was to change this money direct into French francs.

I was turned down both by a well known travel agency and by a high street bank. They both insisted that the money must first be converted into sterling, thereby receiving two lots of commission. I will of course wait until I get to France to change it. Roll on the ecu.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD READER,
Bridge House,
Whimple, Exeter, Devon.
June 2.

Expanding Heathrow

From Dr Richard Bloore

Sir, Contrary to the opinion of Mr Alexander Thom (letter, May 30) I believe that it is the promoters of a fifth terminal at Heathrow who are acting like ostriches.

In seeking to double the capacity of the world's busiest international airport, whilst ignoring the fact that its aircraft overfly our capital city, they are certainly burying their heads in the sand.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BLOORE,
89 Haliburton Road,
St Margarets,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
May 30.

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Concern at China's new genetic law

From Professor John Burn and others

Sir, We wish to record our concern over measures in the Law of the People's Republic of China on Maternal and Infant Health Care, which came into effect on June 1.

In order to enforce measures aimed at reducing morbidity associated with genetic diseases and malformations, it makes permission to marry dependent upon an agreement by "carriers of genetic disorders" to undergo sterilisation or adopt permanent contraceptive measures (Article 10).

The official translation of Article 16 implies that couples will be obliged to undergo therapeutic termination of pregnancy if a previous child was abnormal.

Quite apart from the difficulties associated with reaching a correct diagnosis, this is an undisguised embodiment of eugenic principles the implementation of which has had such a disastrous history in the West.

We recognise the great success of the Chinese people in meeting the challenges of healthcare in their population and applaud their efforts to improve the health of mothers and children and to provide genetic services. But a balance is needed between cultural autonomy and fundamental human rights.

We urge the People's Congress to re-examine Articles 10 and 16 so as to enable parents to continue to exercise a choice on whether to agree to termination of pregnancy and whether to accept permanent childlessness.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BURN
(Secretary, Clinical Genetics Society),
PATRICIA A. JACOBS
(President),
A. C. BERRY, C. B. MODELL,
C. PATCH, BRYAN SYKES
(Members of the society's
Standing Committee on Ethics).
As from:
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
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Newcastle upon Tyne.
June 2.

Botanical painting

From Mrs Eve Reid Bennett

Sir, I have no quarrel with John Russell Taylor's statement that botanical painting is art in the service of science ("Saying it with flowers", Arts, May 24), but I was dismayed at his singling out of Elizabeth Blackadder as a painter of "perfect precision".

While the flower paintings of my fellow-Scot are fine examples of the water colourist's art, they cannot be said to serve the needs of the botanist.

There are very many excellent and confident botanical artists working today and it is a great pity that the exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum does not make this point. In no way can it be said that "the story peters out".

Yours faithfully,
EVE REID BENNETT
(Tutor in botanical painting),
Royal Botanic Garden,
20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh 3.
May 29.

Tories on TV

From Ms Ruth Boulton

Sir, Simon Brooke ("Why do they always make Tories swine?", June 1) seems to attribute the fact that television programmes present Tory MPs as self-serving, ruthlessly ambitious and "sexually avaricious monsters" chiefly to bias by left-wing programme makers.

Isn't it more a case that "the cap fits"?

Yours etc,
RUTH BOULTON,
56 Harvist Road,
Queen's Park, NW6.
June 1.

Fighting fraud

From the Leader of Hackney Council

Sir, Hackney Council's robust and effective approach to fighting fraud — 110 staff sacked in the past five years and systems strengthened to prevent it — has been praised by the district auditor and the Metropolitan Police. Despite this *The Times* continues to peddle the myth that Hackney is a "rotten borough" by concocting a spurious cocktail between racism and fraud.

On legal advice, we cannot comment on the disciplinary case of Hackney's former director of housing, but it is ridiculous for John Ware ("Choice", May 30) to suggest that equal opportunities policies at Hackney discourage people from tackling fraud.

They ensure that the best person for a job gets it and that our workforce broadly mirrors that of the local community. The number of ethnic minority workers disciplined or dismissed is in proportion to their numbers in the workforce.

Yours sincerely,
NICK TALLENTIRE,
Leader, Hackney Council,
Town Hall,
Mare Street, Hackney, E8.

Caught out?

From Mr J. B. Mackinney

Sir, For Philip Howard's information (article, May 26) "grown-up rounders" is not baseball: it is called rounders.

Best wishes,
BRIAN MACKINNEY
(National Development Officer,
National Rounders Association),
3 Denehurst Avenue, Nottingham.

Attempt to curb cost of litigation

From Mr Adrian A. S. Zuckerman

Sir, Mr Malcolm Swift, QC, attacks the Lord Chancellor for his proposal to introduce performance indicators for lawyers (letter, May 31). He writes, "who is to judge performance? Who will decide whether the sentence imposed was better or worse than expected . . .?"

He is right. As things stand there are no measures for judging the quality value of legal services. This would not be so bad if lawyers had an interest in serving their clients as economically and expeditiously as possible.

But notwithstanding Mr Swift's assertion of the independence of the legal profession, lawyers do have a financial interest in litigation. Since solicitors (and increasingly barristers too) are paid on an hourly basis regardless of outcome, the more complex and the more lengthy legal proceedings are, the more they earn.

In the absence of a system that encourages lawyers to economise or to compete, litigation is bound to stay complex, lengthy and expensive. The Lord Chancellor's solution to the problem may not be the right one. But he should certainly be congratulated for at least attempting to rein in the exorbitant cost of litigation.

Yours truly,
ADRIAN ZUCKERMAN
(Fellow in Law),
University College, Oxford.
June 1.

Bosnian crisis

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, Watching the Government's handling of the Bosnian crisis reminds one of the image of Shiva, the many-handed Hindu deity.

On one hand, we will not take sides in the conflict — on the other, we will have to if the Serbs provoke us further.

On one hand, our mission is a purely humanitarian one — on the other, humanity may have to be defended by force of arms.

On one hand, it is not our policy to withdraw — on the other, we may have to, if our troops are exposed to serious danger.

Confronted with this formidable array of caveats, riders, qualifications and reservations, it is hardly surprising that the Bosnian Serbs behave as they do.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL BLOCH,
9 Wimpole Street, W1.
June 1.

From Mr Chris Young

Sir, I wonder if it has occurred to the Bosnian Serbs that one can only detain troops as "prisoners of war" when a state of war exists. In terming the detained UN troops thus, the Bosnian Serbs have declared that a state of war exists between themselves and the United Nations.

I am mystified as to how their leadership thinks that a declaration of war of this nature will reduce the likelihood of attack by the UN.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS YOUNG,
1a Woodbury,
Castle Road, Woking, Surrey.

From Mrs Daisy E. Finney

Sir, So the Serbs did the obvious. What happened to contingency planning?

Yours faithfully,
DAISY E. FINNEY,
207 Hampstead Way, NW11.

Legal minefield

From Police Inspector Peter Dolphin

Sir, Joe Reeve, who laid a firecracker "minefield" in his garden after suffering a spate of burglaries (report and photographs, June 2), need not fall foul of the law if he sticks to Section 31 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.

This declares that it is not unlawful "to set or place . . . from sunset to sunrise, any spring-gun, man-trap, or other engine . . . in a dwelling house for the protection thereof". The section is headed "Setting spring-guns, etc, with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm".

This, according to current law books, is still the law.

Yours,
PETER DOLPHIN,
12 Sonning Way,
Shoeburyness, Essex.
June 2.

Living for today

From Dr Edward Petch

Sir, I have just arrived in my thirties, and can now adopt my 60-year-old father's philosophy which is similar to that of Mr William Folkes (letter, June 1): never do today what I can put off until tomorrow because by then someone else might have done it.

My father should not put it off until tomorrow any longer, and now that he is retired he can also do it for me, so that I can put it off until tomorrow, because by then he will have done it.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD PETCH,
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St Pancras, NW1.
June 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 3: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Ty Hafan: the Children's Hospice in Wales, *this evening* attended the Concert of Hope at Cardiff International Arena and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR).

Mrs Duncan Byatt and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

Royal engagement

TODAY: Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Migraine Trust, will attend a dinner during the Migraine workshop at Leeds Castle, Kent, at 7.00 to mark the 30th anniversary of the trust.

Royal Ascot 1995

To avoid possible queues at the Royal Meeting, Royal Ascot voucher holders are advised, where possible, to exchange their vouchers by post or at the Palace prior to the Meeting. Full instructions are printed on the reverse of the vouchers.

Atlantic College

The United World College of the Atlantic is pleased to announce that Lady Prior has been elected Chairman of the Governing Body *and the Council. Lady Prior is* also a Vice-Chairman of the International Board of the United World Colleges.

Rye St Antony School, Oxford

The Old Girls' Reunion will take place on Sunday, June 18, the occasion of the opening of the Sumpter Building. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am by Dom Dominic Milroy, OSB, and he will then open the new building. Lunch will be at 1.00pm. Old Girls who have not yet received an invitation should contact the School.

Forces appointments

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: G D Challands - MOD London 15.9.95; M A Johnson - Centurion 5.9.95; M N Littleboy - MOD London 30.6.95.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: N E Baldock - Daedalus 23.6.95.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: N M Robinson - MOD London 18.8.95.

COMMANDER: N Marks - RNAS Yeovilton 17.11.95; I. S *McKenzie - MOD (Central Staffs)* 14.7.95; V M Meazza - Warrior 30.7.95; C P R Montgomery - MOD London 28.7.95; K Winstanley - Southampton in Cmd 21.8.95.

SURGEON COMMANDER: T J W Spalding - RNH Haslar 24.7.95; P J Waugh - RNAS Culdrose 9.2.96.

MAJOR: J J B Lear - CTCRM 8.12.95.

CHAPLAIN: R F Buckley - Staff of FOSF 12.9.95; B R Madders - Raleigh 8.9.95; M L Wishart - Osprey 7.9.95.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: J R Smith - 5.8.95.

LOCAL LIEUTENANT COLONEL: A L Turnbull - 28.7.95.

COMMANDER: C D D Colby - 8.7.95; J R Smith - 11.8.95.

The Army

COLONEL: T H E Foulkes - To MOD, 1.6.95; B W F Holt - To UKMIS NY, 29.5.95; J R Snowdon - To MOD, 30.5.95.

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WING COMMANDER: D S Davenall - To HQ 38 GP 15.5.95; B S Mahaffey - To HQ STC 22.5.95

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Adam Smith, political economist, Kirkcaldy, Fife, 1723; Frederick Tennyson, poet, Louth, 1807; John Couch Adams, astronomer, Lidcot, Cornwall, 1819; Pancho Villa, revolutionary, San Juan del Rio, 1878; John Maynard Keynes, Baron Keynes, econo*mist, Cambridge, 1883; Dame* Ivy Compton-Burnett, novelist, Pinner, Middlesex, 1884; Ruth Benedict, anthropologist, New York, 1887; Roy Thomson, 1st Baron Thomson of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, Toronto, 1894; Federico Garcia Lorca, dramatist and poet, Fuente Vaqueros, Spain, 1898.

DEATHS: Orlando Gibbons, musician, Canterbury, 1625; Giovanni Paisiello, composer, Naples, 1816; Carl von Weber, composer, London, 1826; Thomas Henry Lister, dramatist and novelist, London, 1842; Stephen Crane, writer, Badenweiler, Germany, 1900; O. Henry (William Sidney Porter), writer, New York, 1910; Horatio Herbert Kitchener, Earl Kitchener, Field Marshal, lost at sea on *HMS Hampshire* off Orkney, 1916; *Georges Feydeau, dramatist,* Paris, 1921; W.T. Tilden, Wimbledon and American tennis champion, Hollywood, 1953.

The hot air balloon was first demonstrated by the Montgolfier brothers at Annonay, France, 1783.

The Six Day War began in the Middle East, 1967.

Senator Robert Kennedy, American Attorney-General, was shot by a Jordanian Arab in Los Angeles. He died the next day, 1968.

Duke of Windsor buried at Frogmore, Windsor, 1972.

ADRIAN BROOKS

John Morrison, BEM, of 600 (City of London) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force Association, at the annual march yesterday of the Federation of Old Comrades Associations of the London Territorial and Auxiliary Units. About 200 ex-volunteers paraded to the London Troops Memorial at the Royal Exchange where wreaths were laid in memory of volunteers who lost their lives in the two wars

Marriages

Mr P.T. Sychta and Miss B.J. Thorne

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's, West Hoathly, of Mr Peter Sychta, son of the late Dr Stanislav Sychta and of Mrs Daphne Sychta, to Miss Bridget Thorne, eldest daughter of Sir Peter and Lady Anne Thorne. The Rev Alan Carr officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Hamish Ogston was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.H. Chisholm and Miss J.E.C Dow

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of Queenswood School, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, of Mr Daniel Hugh Chisholm, son of Dr and the Hon Mrs Duncan Chisholm, of Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Somerset, to Miss Juliette Elizabeth Chalmers Dow, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Dow, of Woking, Surrey. The Rev R. Lansley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily Davis and Alexander Burgess-Smith. Mr Colin Christie was best man.

A reception was held at Queenswood School. The honeymoon will be spent in Mexico.

Mr A.P. Gregory and Miss L.A. Connell

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Steane, Northamptonshire, of Mr Adrian Gregory, second son of Mr and Mrs S.J. Gregory, of Benenden, Kent, to Miss Lisa Connell, only daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Connell, of Brackley. The Rev C.M. Gregory and the Rev Michael Berry officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Hannah Cohen, Lily Wilson and Miss Tamara Baines. Mr Martyn John Gregory was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr R.E.S. Bentley and Miss F.R.L. Leigh

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 3, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Tixall, of Mr Ronald Bentley, youngest son of Mrs Kenneth Bentley, of Balmuir House, by Dundee, and the late Mr Kenneth Bentley, to Miss Fiona Leigh, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Leigh, of Tixall, Staffordshire. The Rev Roger Vaughan officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Caroline Beatty, Sophie Bentley, Emily Russell and Thomas Leigh. Mr Steven Hollis was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.G. Mellor and Mrs L.C. Henderson

The marriage took place in London, on May 31, 1995, between Mr Joe Mellor and Mrs Lucinda Henderson.

Mr W.J. Swadling and Miss L.E. Cameron

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 3, at the Chapel of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, of Mr William John Swadling to Miss Lorna Elizabeth Cameron. The Rev John Paul officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Persen and Juliet Fleming. Mr Tim Swadling was best man.

A reception was held at Stationers' Hall and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Sir Alastair Pilkington, FRS

A Celebration of the life and work of Sir Alastair Pilkington, FRS, will be held at 4.00pm, on Monday, July 17, at St Martin-in-the Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

Nature notes

Trees and bushes are full of young birds. Young bluetits and great tits can be distinguished from their parents by their yellow cheeks — the adult's cheeks are white. The fledgeling tits constantly call for food with a thin, pleading note. Families of pied wagtails are running about on lawns, often fluttering up to catch flies. The male will go on feeding the young after his mate has started to incubate a second clutch of eggs. Over cornfields, the air is full of lilting skylark calls as the families start flying about together: the juveniles are more speckled than the older birds. More flowers are appearing in every kind of habitat. Foxglove bells are opening in woodland glades and on moors among the bracken. Deeper in the woods, the star-like flowers of yellow pimpernel glimmer in the shadows. On dusty roadsides, mallow is tall and its five-petalled pink flowers are coming through the abundant leaves. At field edges, the paler musk mallow can be found. Cinnabar moths are flying about at dusk: they have dark red wings with black streaks and gather round the clumps of ragwort on which they lay their eggs. Clothes moths are on the way indoors.

DJM

The pied wagtail

Service luncheon

Federation of Old Comrades Associations of the London Territorial and Auxiliary Units

Colonel and Alderman Sir Greville Spratt presided at a luncheon of the Federation of Old Comrades Associations of the London Territorial and Auxiliary Units yesterday at Armoury House following the Federation's annual parade at the London Troops Memorial, Royal Exchange.

Service dinner

The Royal Logistic Corps (V)

A Ladies Dinner was held on Saturday, June 3, 1995, for the Honorary Colonels of The Royal Logistic Corps Territorial Army in their Headquarters Officers' Mess, Grantham, to dine out Major General and Mrs D L Burden, CBE. The principal guests included Viscount Downe, DL, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey and Major General C E G Carrington, CB, CBE. Lieutenant Colonel J C Miller, RLC, presided.

Iron Age fort link found at bypass site

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working at the site of the Batheaston bypass, near Bath, have found evidence of continuous occupation from the Iron Age. Protests to try to stop the roadbuilding received wide publicity last year.

There is evidence of an Iron Age fort linked to ancient fields, and native round houses overlain by Roman buildings with stone floors. Pagan Saxon pottery and weapons show the area was occupied after the Romans.

Peter Davenport, of the Bath Archaeological Trust, says in *Rescue News*: "The site is literally on the doorstep of the village of Bathampton, which emerges into history in a charter of AD 940. It seems we are looking at a continuity of occupation from the early Iron Age to the present day."

Mr Davenport said much of protesters' publicity last year was inaccurate: the Solsbury Iron Age hill fort, said to be endangered, "is nowhere affected by the new road. The road is only visible from the hilltop where it runs along the far side of the Avon Valley."

Surveys on the hillside below the fort, where the road has been cut, suggested that few remains would be destroyed. Where damage did occur was during the construction of the site works compound, before any archaeological work was commissioned: a medieval farmstead site was obliterated.

Mr Davenport criticised the lack of communication between the various organisations involved in planning the road, which led to the Bath Archaeological Trust having to mount a watching brief at its own expense. "The planning process had clearly broken down in this case."

As a result of the work, Mr Davenport said, "we have substantial elements of a complete ancient field system. This provides exciting potential for a study of land use in the Iron Age and Roman periods and later."

'Convert of St Patrick' unearthed

THE skeleton of one of Ireland's first Christian converts has been found buried on a hilltop in the Irish Republic (Norman Hammond writes). Dated by radiocarbon to the 5th century AD, he may even have been one of St Patrick's first successes.

"If people want to believe that this man was converted by St Patrick, the evidence is there," Dr Finbar McCormick told *British Archaeology*. The skeleton was found aligned east-west, in the Christian manner and, unlike pagan burials, lacked grave goods.

St Patrick began his missionary work in Ireland around AD 432: the radiocarbon date on the burial, at Ballyhaunis, in Co Mayo, places it between AD 418 and 442 with a two-thirds probability. It is the earliest Irish burial to lie east-west, Dr McCormick said, and its location at the foot of a standing stone suggests that it was interred at the point when paganism was giving way to Christianity in Ireland.

Birthdays today

Miss Moira Anderson, singer, 55; Mr Spencer Batiste, MP, 50; Professor R. Angus Buchanan, director, Centre for the History of Technology, Bath University, 65; Viscount Cobham, 52; Miss Ann Curnow, QC, 60; Mr A.R. Dawson, rugby player, 63; Miss B.E. de Cardi, archaeologist, 81; Sir John Dellow, former Deputy Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 64; Miss Margaret Drabble, author, 56; Mr Robert Drayson, former Headmaster, Stowe School, 76; the Earl of Dundee, 46; Mr D.A. East, former Chief Constable, South Wales Constabulary, 59; Professor C.M. Fletcher, physician, 84; Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC, 46; Mr David Hare, playwright, 48; Sir Jack Jacob, QC, former Senior Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Divison, 87; Mr Neil Milligan, trade unionist, 69; *Mr Phil Neale, cricketer, 41;* Mr Roger Nightingale, economist and strategist, 50; Professor Sir Rudolf Peierls, physicist, 88; Miss Margaret Rawlings, actress, 89; Mr Nigel Rees, author, 51; Mr Jeffrey Rooker, 54; Mrs Elizabeth Shaw, executive director and secretary, Charity Commission, 49; Mr Richard Stone, portrait painter, 44; Sir Arthur Vick, former Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University, Belfast, 84; Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, 59.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.R. Alford and Miss S.P.T. de Bertodano

The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Alford, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Sylvia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin de Bertodano, of Somerford Keynes, Gloucestershire.

Mr B.P. Hehir and Miss E.K. Hodgson

The engagement is announced between Brian Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Hehir, of Southsea, Portsmouth, and Emily Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Hodgson, of Sparsholt, Winchester.

Mr I. Rix and Miss C. Riddell-Webster

The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Rix, of Rookery Farm, Snape, *and Caroline, daughter of Mr and* Mrs Riddell-Webster, of Lintrose, Coupar Angus.

Mr J.D. Sieff and Miss H.A. Bernerd

The engagement is announced between Jonathan David, younger son of the Hon David and Mrs Sieff, of London, and Hayley Anne, younger daughter of Mr Elliott Bernerd, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs Susan Bernerd, of Regent's Park, London.

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BIRTHS

HALL - On June 1st at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Siwan and Niall, a daughter, Scarlett Mary.

JACKSON - On 26th May, to Amelia (née Slade) and Matthew, a daughter, Bronte Eliza Jane.

KINROSS - On 2nd June 1995, to Julie (née Wingate) and Roger, a lovely daughter, Emily Hannah: for whom we thank God.

WHITE - On May 29th 1995, at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, to Jenny and John, a son, Jack.

MARRIAGES

HOSKYNS:WIGHT - On 27th May in Cornwall between the Revd. John Hoskyns and Joanna, widow of G. Glendinning Wight.

DEATHS

BLYTH - Ernest, on 31st May 1995, designer and goldsmith. Funeral Service at Amersham Crematorium, Bucks., on Wednesday 7th June at 4.30 pm. No flowers please but donations to Barnardos.

CLEGG - On June 1st 1995 peacefully at home in Linton, Ronald Anthony (Tony) Clegg OBE, deeply loved husband of Dorothy, devoted father of his three girls Virginia, Fiona and Victoria, beloved son of Cicely, much loved grandpa of William and father-in-law of Simon and Nicholas. The funeral service will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Thursday 8th June at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to The Chapter House, Ripon Cathedral, on Wednesday 7th June. Enquiries to G.E. Kitchen, Boston Spa 843578.

CONZEN on May 29th, Freda, of Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, beloved wife of Prof. M. R. G. Conzen and mother of Michael. Funeral at West Road Crematorium, Newcastle, on Wednesday, 7th June, at 12 noon. Flowers if desired may be sent to J Bardgett & Sons, Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE4 9PQ.

DEAN - On May 26th, peacefully at Victoria Hospital, Deal, Matilda Patti (née Dandridge) aged 104, beloved sister of Thelma and the late Lawrence Dandridge. Enquiries to E.B. Cavell (01304 - 373275).

DEATHS

DEMPSTER - On 1st June 1995, Diana Katherine aged 79, much loved wife of Fergie and inseparable twin of late Evvie, mother of Honey and Miles, grandchildren Alec and Marina and aunt of Annabel and Kathy, deeply missed, peacefully at Elm Row Nursing Home, Cirencester. Funeral at Swindon Crematorium at 2.30 pm on Thursday 8th June.

EDWARDS - Gordon Glover aged 62, of Dibden Purlieu, Hants, peacefully after a long illness on 1st June. Beloved husband of Diana, father to James and Roberta, father-in-law to Nicola.

GRAVER - On 26th May, suddenly in Spain, Edward Graver D.F.C. aged 73 years, of Christchurch, Dorset. Dearly loved husband of Vera, father of Michael, father-in-law of Bicki, much loved grandfather of Neil and Louise. Funeral Service Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday June 13th at 12 noon. Flowers or donations, if desired, to the R.N.L.I. (Mudeford Branch) may be sent to Miller Bros. and F.P Butler Ltd. F/D, 119 Bargates, Christchurch, tel: (01202) 485439.

HAMILTON - On May 30th 1995 at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh. Peacefully after a short illness. Elizabeth (Betty) aged 85 years. Widow of the late Dr. James G.M. Hamilton, mother of Ruth, Alan, Bill and the late Pauline. Mother-in-law of Peter, Frances and Anne. Grandmother of Isobel, Claire and Colin. A Service will be held at St John the Evangelist, Princes Street, Edinburgh on Friday June 9th at 12.30 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. Funeral thereafter private. Family flowers only please but donations if desired may be sent to St Columba's Hospice, Challenger Lodge, Boswall Road, Edinburgh, or The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, 24 Kings Road, Wimbledon, London.

LLEWELYN - On May 30th, 1995, peacefully, after a short illness, Barbara Evelyn, wife of the late Wing Commander J.G. Llewelyn R.A.F., adored mother of Jill and Ann and much loved by her six grandchildren. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Wargrave on Thursday, 8th June at 12 noon. No flowers.

DEATHS

LOVELAND - Doris Emma Edith, Widow of Wg. Cdr. R.S. Loveland and mother of Mark and Robin, died on the 1st of June 1995. The funeral service will be at 4pm on Thursday, the 8th of June, at The Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Road, Beckenham, Kent. Friends are welcome to attend. Flowers from family only. Donations, if desired, to the National Trust or the P.D.S.A.

MACKINTOSH - Peacefully at Northampton, Eneas George, aged 80, eldest son of Colonel George Mackintosh CB CBE DL and Mary Mackintosh, brother of William Lachlan (killed in action 1942) and of Mary Colina and Anne. Cremation private. Ashes will be laid later at Tomnahurich, Inverness.

McMURDO - On 31st May, 1995, suddenly in Glasgow, Archibald William McMurdo, aged 80, much loved father of Sarah and dear grandfather of Tamsin, Alastair and Alexander. Funeral service at Daldowie Crematorium, Broomhouse, Glasgow, at 10am, Friday 9th June. Family flowers only please.

PITT - Peter Comley, on 31st May aged 83 years, greatly loved father, grandfather and husband of the late Joan. He will be deeply missed. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary the Virgin, Rolvenden, on Saturday 10th June at 2.30 pm. All enquiries to T.W. Foggie & Son, Tenterden, tel: (01580) 763340.

ROBINSON - On May 31st suddenly aged 83 years, Nancy beloved sister of Chippy and Honor and of late sisters Marjorie and Mabel, and much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral service at The Croydon Crematorium on Thursday June 8th at 12 noon. No flowers by request but if desired donations to: The Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing Benevolent Fund c/o W.A. Truslove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4RL, tel: (0181) 642-8211.

TURNHAM - On 18th May, Frederick George FCIS (Major, late of Royal Hampshire Regiment). Dearly beloved husband of Joan, father of Suzanne and Vivienne and pa-pa of Sarah, Nicholas, Louise and Duncan.

DEATHS

WATKINS - Philip George, of Morton Place SW1 at Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common, on June 1st 1995, aged 64. Much loved by his brothers, family and friends. Funeral Service on Friday June 9th at 2 pm at St James the Less, Morton Street, Vauxhall Bridge Road. Family flowers only please, donations, if you wish, to Trinity Hospice, London SW4 ORN.

WHITE - On May 31st, George William aged 88, formerly Housemaster and Head of the Classical Side at Malvern College and sometime Scholar of St John's College, Oxford. Funeral in Malvern College Chapel on Tuesday June 13th at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Telephones for the Blind most welcome, please send c/o Hollands Funeral Services, 71 Barnards Green Road, Malvern, WR14 3LS. "Remember".

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CALVERT-SMITH - There will be a memorial service to celebrate the life of Stella Calvert-Smith at St John's Church, Bury, West Sussex, on Saturday, June 17th 2.30pm. All friends and relations welcome.

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OBITUARIES

DILYS POWELL

Dilys Powell, film critic, died on June 3 aged 93. She was born on July 20, 1901.

DILYS POWELL's first weekly film review appeared in *The Sunday Times* on March 26, 1939, her last, about the movies on television this week, only yesterday. She was almost certainly the oldest working journalist in Britain, if not the world, and for most of that time she was one of the most influential of film critics and one of the most highly regarded inside and outside the film industry.

In 1972 she was the first to spot the potential of a then unknown director, Steven Spielberg, from a made-for-television film, *Duel*, and her enthusiasm persuaded Warner Brothers to give that film a cinema release. She was also the first leading critic to recognise Clint Eastwood's gifts both as an actor and as a director.

In 1960, reviewing Peter O'Toole's third film, *The Day They Robbed The Bank of England*, she wrote: "Peter O'Toole looks like being a gift to the British cinema... his performance as a young Guards officer drags one's attention away from more familiar faces."

Writing about *Billy Liar* three years later, she wrote: "...as the debonair girlfriend, Julie Christie makes an impression of coolness, charm and the promise of an actress."

She described *A Hard Day's Night* (1964) as: "Deafening of course. But it really is restoring to find in the British cinema, apt to waver between devoted amateurism and mad polish, the seeming spontaneity of this exercise in anarchy."

Of *The Railway Children* (1970) she wrote: "The green English countryside comports itself as the landscape of childhood should comport itself. It smiles."

Elisabeth Powell was born only a few months after the death of Queen Victoria. She was the daughter of a Bournemouth bank manager and her childhood was spent in the comfortable ambience of that South Coast resort.

From Bournemouth High School for Girls she won a scholarship to Somerville College, Oxford, where she shone brilliantly, writing for *Isis*, and attracting attention in the national press after her rustication, imposed for climbing in following a late-night assignation with an undergraduate at Christ Church. He was Humfry Payne, later a distinguished archaeologist, and in 1926 she married him.

Her *Sunday Times* career began long before her first film review in 1939. She joined the newspaper four years after graduating with first-class honours in modern languages from Somerville in 1924. Initially she had worked as Lady Ottoline Morrell's secretary and literary assistant, and years later was upset by the caricature by Eleanor Bron in Ken Russell's film *Women in Love*. She recognised, though, that this was not the fault of the director or the actress but was far more the responsibility of D. H. Lawrence, whose portrait of Lady Ottoline in his novel she described as "a savage travesty".

When her husband was appointed Director of the British School of Archaeology in Athens, she left her full-time job in the literary department of *The Sunday Times*, although she continued to contribute book reviews. Her years in Greece inspired a passion, and one of her greatest deprivations in later years was her inability to make her regular pilgrimages after her body had become too frail.

Payne died suddenly in 1936, and was buried at Mycenae. Dilys Powell wrote movingly of him and her beloved Greece in several books, including *The Traveller's Journey Is Done* (1943) and *An Affair Of The Heart* (1957), in which she described vividly the shock of her first visit there after his death, made in 1945 when the country was torn apart by civil war and internal strife.

She rejoined *The Sunday Times* in 1936, and in the spring of 1939, when the film critic Sydney Carroll suddenly left to become the Editor of the *Daily Sketch*, she was asked to take over his column. Her interest in cinema went back to childhood when she had watched the Westerns of William S. Hart and "Bronco Billy" Anderson in Bournemouth, and at Oxford, where she frequently visited a little cinema behind Somerville. Readers quickly noticed that she brought a freshness and enthusiasm to her reviewing that had been absent in her predecessor's work.

Although Fleet Street editors then, as now, tended to hold film reviewing in lower esteem than theatre and opera because it was a medium of mass entertainment, at *The Observer* C. A. Lejeune had been firmly established since 1928. Throughout the Second World War and until Lejeune's retirement in 1960, the two women reigned as joint *doyennes* of the Sunday broadsheets. Where Caroline Lejeune was tart and funny, often at her best when ridiculing bad films, Dilys Powell strove to be truthful and always to explain why she thought a film was good or bad. Her wrath was rare, usually emerging only when animals were ill-used. Their differences in style were even noted on the screen itself. In a dinner party scene in the frothy Wilcox-Neagle comedy of 1948, *Spring In Park Lane*, Peter Graves, playing a cinema idol says of his latest performance: "Of course Caroline didn't like it, but Dilys went absolutely overboard."

Wartime newspapers were small, and *The Sunday Times* had a mere eight, sometimes only six, pages which imposed strenuous disciplines on its journalists. Her elegant but unadorned style with its scalpel precision, was shaped in these conditions. In wartime she also began to broadcast her views on films on the BBC radio, and her attractively modulated voice became familiar to listeners, some of whom were far from home but close to military cinemas where they could see the films she endorsed.

In 1943 she remarried. Her second husband was Leonard Russell, associate editor and chief literary editor of *The Sunday Times*, and their flat-fronted early Victorian house in Albion Street, near Marble Arch, became a salon for fine conversation and glittering company in the austere postwar period. Although she was shy, she always enjoyed the company of friends to whom she was kind, generous and unfailingly loyal.

As a critic she was indefatigable. She never hesitated to tread unfamiliar paths as the cinema diversified in strange directions. She would often cover obscure films that other critics had ignored, and many independent film-makers had cause to be grateful to her for tracking down and writing about their work. She always wrote sanely and sympathetically out of a completely open mind, unswayed to a remarkable degree by fashion, and affected not at all by the preconceptions that might have seemed natural to one of her generation.

She never knew or wanted to know how a film was made. She had no interest in camera angles or editing processes. She told Dirk Bogarde: "I don't care how it's moved, cut, what angles are used... Perhaps that is why I am so uncluttered. I am really the child with the magic lantern. Don't tell me how they lit the lamp. Just let me be enthralled."

In her later years she astonished younger journalists with her imperturbability as she would sit through scenes of torrid love-making against pounding Heavy Metal soundtracks. She sometimes would discover merit in the most unpromising contexts. Her preferred position was the centre of the front row, where the screen's size was big enough to engulf her.

In 1976, two years after she had been widowed again, she ceased to review the week's new films. She was by then ten years over the notional retirement age for *staff journalists* and the writer designated to succeed her was waiting impatiently for her to vacate her post. Initially the Editor, Harry Evans, took her to lunch with the hope of getting her to agree that, in view of her age, it was *perhaps time for her to call it a day*. However, she resolutely failed to take the hint, merely thanking him for taking such an interest in her work.

Frustrated, Evans eventually felt forced in one fell swoop to purge several other elderly critics, including Sir Harold Hobson and Desmond Shawe-Taylor. Dilys Powell returned from holiday to learn that she had one week left. Before she had had time to open her mail, a concerned colleague phoned. When he asked if she had opened her letters, she coolly replied: "Why? Have I got the sack?"

Her departure provoked many protests from readers, led by Dirk Bogarde. Godfrey Smith, having recently been appointed arts editor, sensed Evans's embarrassment and created a new column for her in which she could comment on the films to be shown that week on television. It was in that area of the newspaper that she worked for the rest of her life, addressing a far larger audience than ever attended the cinema.

Nevertheless, in 1979 she was invited to become the film critic of *Punch*, and resumed her regular attendance at press shows, contributing a weekly review until the magazine's enforced closure in 1992.

In the summer of 1988, after a fall, she endured a hip operation, and although she was back to her manual typewriter in only six weeks, she found mobility increasingly difficult. Her progress to her seat at screenings was a stately affair, and she would politely but firmly decline offers of assistance.

Although she never converted to the electronic revolution in print journalism, preferring to stay with manual typing, neatly annotating her corrections with a fine ballpoint, she adhered to deadlines with meticulous conscientiousness, and her copy required the minimum of subediting.

She became very ill last summer and after a spell in hospital was confined to a wheelchair. She withstood a series of strokes with astonishing resilience, although each imposed more damage on her frail body. Her extraordinary willpower gave her an extra year and, even at the end, she strove to cling to a life that had been full and fulfilled.

As well as being a newspaper journalist Dilys Powell was an accomplished broadcaster. She was a regular participant in the BBC radio programme *The Critics* and its Radio 3 successor *Critics' Forum* as well as the series *My Word*.

In 1974 she was appointed CBE. She served on the board of the British Film Institute, 1948-52, and on the Independent Television Authority, 1954-57. She was president of the Classical Association, 1966-67.

She was a pillar of the Critics' Circle and inspired the establishment, in 1956, of the London Film Festival. In 1991 the Dilys Powell Award was instituted as the Critics' Circle Film Section's highest honour for those whose contribution to cinema has been outstanding.

The recipients have been Sir Dirk Bogarde, who appreciatively recalled her "spot-on" comment, "Given too little to do, Mr Bogarde does far too much", the triple-Oscar winning cinematographer, Freddie Young, the actor Christopher Lee, and most recently Lord Attenborough who, at this year's awards ceremony last March, spoke of her generosity and movingly recalled that the encouragement she had given him as a young actor had supplied the impetus for him to make a career in British cinema.

Dilys Powell had no children. She is survived by her nephew.

GEOFFREY WATTS

Geoffrey Watts, engineer and international businessman, died on May 3 aged 73. He was born on August 26, 1921.

GEOFFREY WATTS never fitted the conventional picture of the British businessman. For one thing, he was professionally qualified in his own right as a mechanical engineer; for another, and even more to the point, the forging ground for his successful boardroom career was not London or even the provinces but rather the wide open spaces of East and Central Africa. He developed remarkable skills in management and finance and became a director of more than 60 highly successful companies, of which he was chairman of 16.

Geoffrey Alan Howard Watts was born on a family farm at Awre, Gloucestershire, and at the age of five he was already accompanying his father to management meetings, particularly those of the family business which was one of the largest employers in the area. His sole ambition, as he grew up, was to go into business and he made a point, even as a schoolboy, of concentrating on those academic subjects which would further this ambition.

After he left Wycliffe College, Stroud, he attended Glasgow University, cramming a four-year mechanical engineering degree course into three years but still gaining a first. He was immediately commissioned into the Royal Navy as an Air Engineer Officer. He attended the RAF Air Engineering Officers' course at Henlow before being posted to *HMS Heron* at Yeovilton, and subsequently to *HMS Hunter* in the Indian Ocean. After service in India and Ceylon he was demobilised in 1946 and resumed his engineering training before becoming chief engineer of Red & White Services, a large bus company operating in South Wales and the West of England owned by his family and some friends.

In 1951, after the nationalisation of UK bus companies, Watts was appointed chief engineer of the group's bus companies (by then renamed United Transport) in East, Central and South Africa which rapidly expanded. He designed new depots in the principal towns and cities, buses that tolerated the harsh "washboard" condition of Africa roads (some of his designs lasted 25 years), and the Mombasa ferries. Additionally, he instituted long-distance bus routes which opened up employment opportunities for many East Africans who had previously been isolated, including the first Nairobi-Harare (Salisbury) service, a distance of 1,800 miles. Within four years he was made chief executive in East Africa, based in Nairobi.

On his return to the UK in 1961 he joined the boards of several industrial companies engaged in aluminium fabrication, wire brush manufacture, rubber moulding and motor distribution, as well as those in all fields of transport. In 1976 he became managing director of United Transport Company, and in 1980 chairman. Numerous directorships followed in sectors as diverse as publishing and aircraft simulation. He was masterly as a company "doctor" and he had a remarkable gift for spotting a company's strengths and weaknesses from a balance-sheet. Under his chairmanship the family business became the largest manufacturer of industrial tyres in the United Kingdom.

His main hobby was aviation; he held a private pilot's licence for more than 50 years and for some years he also held a commercial licence so that he could ferry executive staff in his own aircraft, a Cessna 182, to board meetings around Africa. He enjoyed sailing and in recent years competed several times at Cowes Week with his second wife, Mary. He was a keen skier and at the age of 72, after four months' intensive chemotherapy for leukaemia, descended on the old Olympic men's downhill run at Val d'Isère.

He was always interested in education and served as a governor of two public schools for many years, taking an active part in policy making to within weeks of his death.

His first wife, Phyllis Harris, died following a shooting accident. His second wife was the biographer Mary S. Lovell. He is survived by her and by four children from his first marriage.

LOUIS KRASNER

Louis Krasner, violinist, died in Boston, Massachusetts, on May 4 aged 91. He was born in Cherkassky, Ukraine, on June 21, 1903.

WHEN Alban Berg was commissioned to write his Violin Concerto in 1934, the aim was to bring serialism and the whole 12-tone ethos espoused by Berg, Webern and their teacher Schoenberg to a wider audience. Whether or not the work was particularly successful in achieving this remains a matter of some debate.

The *commissioner*, *Louis* Krasner, went as far as moving to Europe from America in order to advise Berg on violin technique during the work's gestation, once saying of his motive in commissioning it: "I tried to tell him [Berg] that 12-tone music was not making headway, but if he could undertake to solve the problem of writing a piece for violin, of making good music to listen to in his own way, that it would mean much to everyone."

In the end, it took the sudden death of Alma Mahler's beautiful daughter Manon Gropius at the age of 19 to stir Berg into honouring the commission which he ultimately *dedicated* "To the memory of an angel".

Louis Krasner, right, with Dimitri Mitropoulos

Critics of the Violin Concerto, premiered by Krasner at the ISCM Festival in Barcelona in April 1936 four months after the composer's death, argue that in his persistence Krasner distracted Berg from ever completing his masterpiece, the opera *Lulu*.

Nevertheless the Violin Concerto quickly received performances by Krasner in Vienna conducted by Otto Klemperer, in London under Sir Henry Wood and New York with Serge Koussevitsky. The same year Krasner recorded the work with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Anton Webern, a recording which has recently been reissued on compact disc.

Throughout the next ten years or so Krasner remained an important figure to the Second Viennese School, most notably in premiering Schoenberg's Violin Concerto — originally written for Rudolf Kolisch in 1936 but until December 1940 unperformed — with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski. For this he received a rare letter of appreciation from the composer. He recorded it 14 years later with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Dimitri Mitropoulos (also recently re-released on compact disc).

Among other composers whose works he introduced at this time were Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Ernst Krenek, Alfredo Casella, Roger Sessions, Henry Cowell and Roy Harris.

Thereafter Krasner faded from the international platform, forsaking his solo career in 1944 to become leader of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. Later he moved to Syracuse University to coach violin and chamber music.

At the age of five Krasner was taken by his parents from their Ukrainian home to settle in Providence, Rhode Island, where four years later he began playing the violin. An anonymous listener who heard him performing at a social club paid for him to study with Eugene Gruenberg at the New England Conservatory in Boston, from where he graduated in 1922. He remained both there and as a regular coach at Tanglewood until the time of his death.

After graduation Krasner came to Europe, subsequently studying with, among others, Carl Flesch in Berlin. However, it was while visiting Vienna in 1930 that he first encountered the 12-tone technique and became a fervent believer that, if properly presented, such a system of music could attract a wider audience. He heard the American premiere of Berg's opera *Wozzeck* in 1931 but it was performances of the composer's Piano Sonata and *Lyric Suite* for string quartet that truly fired the interest in Berg and his music.

Despite his early withdrawal from public life Krasner continued to be a revered figure in the American 12-tone school of thought.

He is survived by his wife Adrienne and their two daughters.

REGINALD DIX

Reginald Dix, construction and engineering consultant and wartime RAF pilot, died on May 14 aged 73. He was born in Stoke Newington, London, on August 26, 1921.

REG DIX was widely known and respected in construction and material production plant consultancy.

While tending to devote himself largely to long-term single-client work, he was considered to be a prime mover and innovator in the application of management and technical sales systems in previously undeveloped production sectors.

As the son of an engineer's toolmaker he was introduced at an early age to novel machine applications and adaptations, and this background shaped his career in the postwar world.

Having enlisted in July 1940, Dix was commissioned in the RAFVR in May 1942 and received rapid promotion to flying officer as a fighter pilot. After periods with 141 and 239 Squadrons, he joined 169 Squadron in October 1943; after varied locations the squadron went to India as the war was ending.

Dix flew Mosquitos Mark II and III, and became commanding officer of the squadron's 173 Group, finishing his service as a wing commander.

From his industrial management standpoint, Reg Dix placed great emphasis on the methodology by which the building industry was to be modernised, starting from the co-ordination of product dimensions but extending to a wide base of construction technique assessment.

He and a set of like-minded professionals were considerably assisted in the search for co-ordinative principles by their establishment of the Modular Society, of which Dix was a council member and executive committee chairman. The society forged an invaluable link between technological professionals and the British Standards Institution, and this link was cemented when the society eventually gave way to the Building Standards Group of the British Standards Society in the late 1970s.

His innate organising capacity on behalf of the Modular Society was influential over several years in the achievement of respect and standing for the educational and standards support functions of the BSG.

Indeed, Reg Dix had a highly developed perception of the value of industrial standards as useful tools for rationalisation in production and marketing; in recent years, for example, he applied this conviction to the development of mineral-bonded wood products in several European countries including Britain, and he founded an international federation to represent that sector.

In September 1952 Reg Dix married Evelyn Martha Ormston, who survives him.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Maureen Allchin, Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Storrington (Chichester): to be Team Vicar, Bridport Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev David Belcher, Vicar, West Bromwich Good Shepherd w St John (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-charge, Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke and Coulston (Salisbury).

The Rev Malcolm Bridger, Rector, Tidworth, Ludgershall and Faberstown: to be also Rural Dean of Avon (Salisbury).

The Rev Dr Neil Burgess, lecturer in Pastoral Studies, Lincoln Theological College: to be Diocesan Director of Training (Southwell).

The Rev Cameron Butland, Vicar, Bodicote: to be Team Rector, Witney Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Linda Church, Assistant Curate (NSM), Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Thomas: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Skegby (Southwell).

The Rev Harry Eden, Chaplain and Head of Religious Studies, Brentwood School, and NSM, St Thomas', Brentwood (Chelmsford): to be Team Vicar (NSM), Beaconsfield Team Ministry, w responsibility for St Michael's (Oxford).

The Rev Anthony Evans, Rector, Ordsall, All Hallows and Retford St Alban: to be Priest-in-charge, Sutton-in-Ashfield St Mary Magdalene (Southwell).

The Rev Rodney Garner, Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Sculcoates, and Lay Training Officer for the East Riding archdeaconry: to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Southport, and Diocesan Theological Consultant (Liverpool).

The Rev Chris Garrud, Assistant Curate, St Paul's, Ireland Wood: to be Rector, Farnley, St Michael and St James (Ripon).

The Rev David Gavin, Curate, St Peter, Parr: to be Team Vicar, St Cleopas, Toxteth (Liverpool).

The Rev Roger Harington, Bishop of Ripon's Drama Adviser: Vicar, The Epiphany, Gipton (Ripon).

The Rev Alan Holmes, NSM, Shinfield St Mary: to be Assistant Curate, Beech Hill, Grazeley and Spencers Wood (Oxford).

The Rev Colin Horseman, Vicar, Christ Church, Heeley (Sheffield): to be Priest-in-charge, Ducklington, and Diocesan Evangelism Adviser (Oxford).

The Rev Paul Hunt, Assistant Priest, Leeds City Team, and in charge of St Mary's: to be Vicar, Richmond Hill, Leeds (Ripon).

The Rev Diana Jones, Assistant Curate, Harnham St George and All Saints': to be Assistant Curate, Tidworth, Ludgershall and Faberstown (Salisbury).

The Rev Elizabeth Jordan, Parish Deacon, St Bartholomew, Ewood, and Assistant Director of Ordinands (Blackburn): to be Resident Minister, Walsall Wood, Shelfield, and Area Local Ministry Adviser in the Lichfield archdeaconry (Lichfield).

The Rev Jean Kings, Assistant Chaplain, University of the West of England, and Hon Curate, St Mary w St Francis, Lockleaze: to be Assistant Curate, All Saints', Fishponds (Bristol).

The Rev David Lashbrooke, Assistant Curate, Sherborne w Castleton and Lillington: to be Priest-in-charge, Weymouth St Paul (Salisbury).

The Rev Richard Newton, Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Malvern (Worcester): Team Rector, Kingswood Team Ministry (Bristol).

The Rev Neil Pollock, Team Rector, Ridgeway Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Chickerell w Fleet (Salisbury).

ON THIS DAY

June 5, 1975

Extracts from a three-column leading article summarising the debate on the referendum on whether Britain should join the European Community. Two days later, the result showed the country 2-1 in favour

The heroes and the ideals

If one wanted to look at the blunders of the *referendum debate, it would not be difficult to* find absurdities. Both sides have used arguments which can hardly be excused even by the excitement of the moment. But both sides have also developed arguments of a serious historic character and it is no doubt those historic arguments which will stay in the mind when the details of the debate have been forgotten.

There is no doubt who have been the heroes of the debate. On the "No" side Mr Enoch Powell has argued in a most skilful and sympathetic way, putting his arguments, particularly on television, with a combined clarity and courtesy which reminded one of the traditional standards of English politics. Yet on that side it has been Mr Tony Benn who has been the leader of the debate, even if like a batsman with a weakness on the offside Mr Benn is liable to be caught off his statistics. Whatever the result of the referendum, his is a significant political achievement.

He was the author of the referendum itself and for much of the time he has managed to make his arguments the central arguments in the debate. On the "Yes" side there have also been two leading figures. Mr Roy Jenkins is the most eloquent of our politicians. He writes and speaks better English even than Mr Enoch Powell; Mr Powell's arguments are constructed as a series of defined logical propositions, while Mr Jenkins' arguments are shaped in English prose of which it is the vital quality that it should be fluent. Yet the other hero of the debate was not Mr Jenkins any more than it was Mr Powell. The Achilles of the European cause was Mr Heath. He throughout used the simple, central arguments which go to the heart of political discussion. He spoke with a freedom which he did not show when he had the responsibilities of a Prime Minister or a Party Leader, as a man can speak who has nothing on his mind except to express his own convictions about important matters ...

We accept the ideal of Europe because it involves an outgoing of will towards nations who belong to the same European family as the four nations of the United Kingdom. It is through Europe that Britain will gain most and serve best: in 1975 Britain is as much in need of an opportunity for service, for purpose, as for any opportunity of gain. If there has been a disappointment in the debate, it is that it has concentrated too much on what Europe can do for us, and too little on what we can do for Europe.

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Bosnian Serbs 'in the firing line'

■ Britain brushed aside a threat by the Bosnian Serb commander to continue holding the remaining 260 United Nations hostages until Nato called off airstrikes, and warned the Bosnian Serbs they had "put themselves in the firing line".

Despite the release of 121 hostages on Saturday, and hints from Serbia that the rest would be allowed to go, General Ratko Mladic told the UN no further releases would happen unless he received assurances that Nato would refrain from using its air power .... **Page 1**

Major urged to oppose single currency

■ The Prime Minister was urged by close advisers to speak out against a single European currency. *Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, demanded an end to the national veto on foreign and security policy* .... **Page 1**

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Sir Nicholas Scott, the Tory MP arrested last week after allegedly leaving the scene of a road accident, came under pressure from local Tories to resign at the next election .... **Page 1**

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■ Carl Jung falsified evidence to promote his theories on psychoanalysis, according to a Harvard University scholar who claims the Jung family has blocked access to archives that would prove the Swiss psychologist was a fraud. Richard Noll, 35, a prize-winning academic, alleges that Jung was "the most *influential liar of the 20th century*" .... **Page 11**

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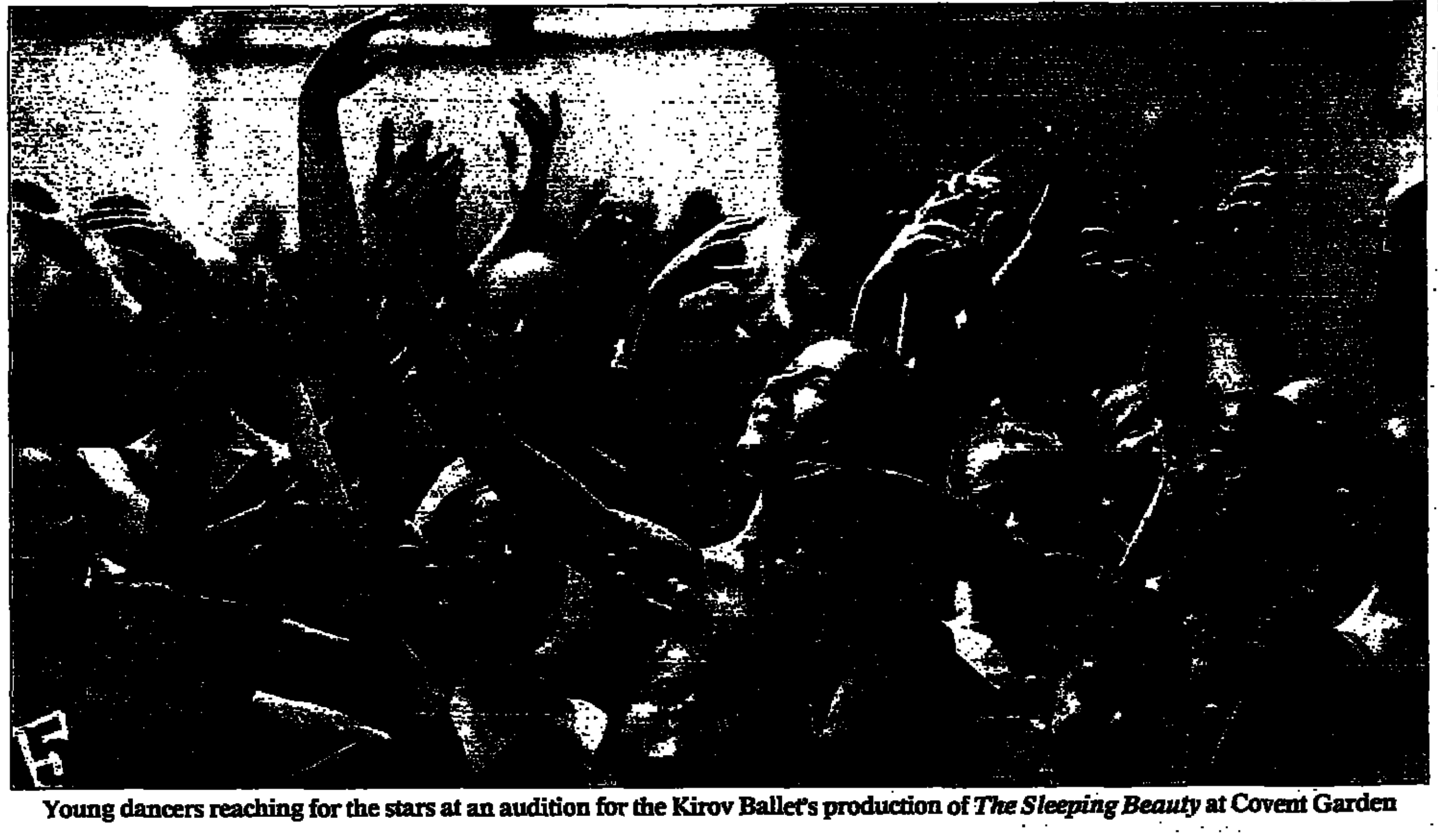

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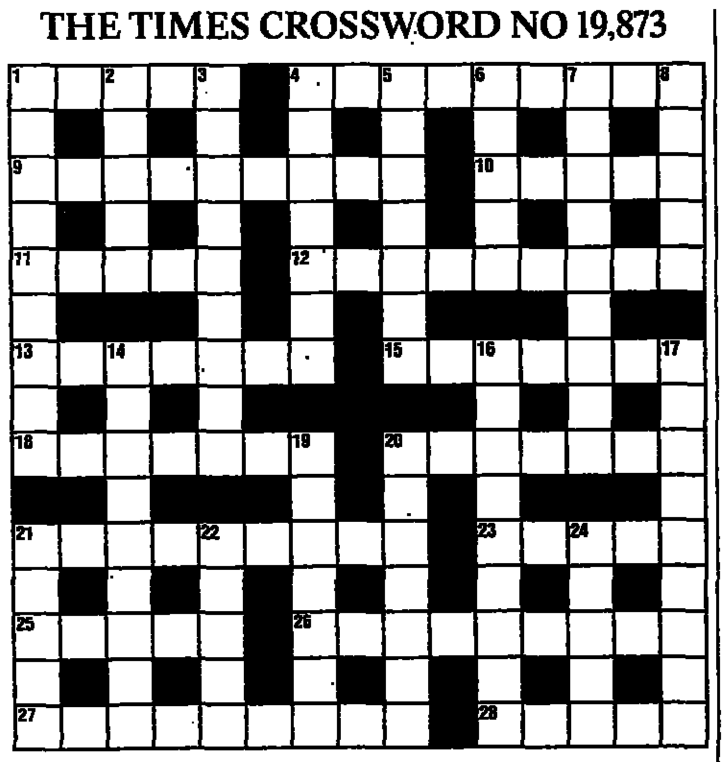

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Margate, Kent, 19C (64F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: St Mawgan, Cornwall, 0.63in; highest sunshine: Plymouth, 4.5hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** most of England and *Wales will start sunny, but low cloud* and drizzle will drift slowly south, reaching southwest England during the evening. Eastern and southern England will have a mostly dry afternoon. Eastern parts of Scotland will have a mostly dry day with sunny intervals. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** mainly dry with sunny intervals. Wind northwest light to moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales:** dry with sunny intervals, becoming cloudy with drizzle later. Wind northwest light to moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** dry with a little sunshine at first, becoming cloudy with coastal drizzle. *Wind west to northwest light.* Max 17C (63F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands:** mostly dry with sunny intervals. Wind west to northwest light. Max 16C (61F).

☐ ***Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:*** sunny intervals at first, becoming cloudy later. Wind west to northwest, light to moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy with rain or drizzle. Wind westerly light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain, but mainly dry in the south and east on Tuesday.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Scotland L; Northern England L; Northern Ireland L; Midlands L; East Anglia L; Wales L; South East L; South West L; London L. *H=high, L=low M=moderate.*

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.4	0.03	13	55	b	Littlehmptn	3.1	0.26	17	63	t
Anglesey	4.3	-	15	59	s	Liverpool	1.8	0.02	13	55	sh
Aspatria	X					London	0.5	0.24	15	59	sh
Aviemore	1.4	0.12	13	55	r	Lowestoft	3.1	0.27	17	63	r
Belfast	1.4	0.02	13	55	c	Manchester	3.2	0.08	15	59	b
Birmingham	3.6	0.03	15	59	c	Margate	4.8	0.06	19	66	b
Bognor R	3.3	0.01	16	61	c	Minehead	7.9	0.01	15	59	s
Bournem'th	4.2	0.09	17	63	sh	Morecambe	3.9	0.13	15	59	b
Bristol	5.7	0.13	17	63	b	Newcastle	1.0	0.40	14	57	sh
Buxton	1.1	0.15	12	54	c	Newquay	8.7	0.02	14	57	s
Cardiff	5.4	0.16	15	59	s	Norwich	X				
Clacton	-	0.41	17	63	r	Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	3.6	-	15	59	b
Colwyn Bay	5.0	0.03	13	55	b	Penzance	7.5	0.04	17	63	s
Cromer	5.3	0.15	16	61	b	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	2.5	0.17	16	61	t	Poole	4.1	0.03	18	64	sh
Dunbar	-	0.03	12	54	d	Prestatyn	X	0.03	14	57	b
Eastbourne	0.6	0.34	15	59	r	Ross-o-wye	4.4	0.02	16	61	b
Edinburgh	0.3	0.02	15	59	r	Ryde	2.7	0.05	17	63	t
Eskdalemuir	0.5	0.04	12	54	r	Salcombe	8.1	0.01	17	63	s
Exmouth	8.6	0.04	16	61	s	Sandown	2.7	0.46	16	61	t
Falmouth	X	0.07	16	61	s	Saunton Snd	8.1	0.05	15	59	s
Fishguard	8.4	0.02	13	55	b	Scarboro'	X				
Folkestone	2.3	0.08	16	61	r	Shanklin	3.3	0.16	16	61	t
Glasgow	2.1	0.03	17	63	b	Shrewsbury	2.0	0.09	15	59	b
Guernsey	8.9	-	17	63	s	Skegness	3.0	0.07	16	61	sh
Hastings	0.4	0.43	15	59	r	Southend	8.3	0.56	16	61	r
Hayling I.	1.5	0.20	16	61	sh	Southport	1.7	-	13	55	b
Herne Bay	X					Southsea	1.4	0.19	17	63	c
Hove	X					Stornoway	3.5	0.01	13	55	b
Hunstanton	4.6	0.24	18	64	s	Swanage	5.1	0.11	17	63	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	10.0	0.02	17	63	s
Isle of Man	9.0	-	14	57	s	Tenby	8.7	0.01	15	59	s
Jersey	5.6	0.04	17	63	s	Tiree	3.1	-	12	54	b
Kinloss	2.2	0.02	14	57	b	Torquay	9.4	-	18	64	s
Leeds	X					Tynemouth	-	0.22	13	55	sh
Lerwick	-	0.38	10	50	r	Ventnor	2.1	0.20	15	59	t
Leuchars	0.8	-	14	57	r	Weymouth	6.8	0.01	17	63	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	26	79	f	Majorca	26	79	s	Rome	21	70	s
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	23	73	f	Salzburg	20	68	r
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Malta	25	77	f	S Fr'sco	-	--	
Algiers	25	77	s	Faro	27	81	s	Melb'rne	8	46	s	Santiago	23	73	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Florence	21	70	f	Mexico C	24	75	s	S Paulo	19	66	c
Athens	30	86	s	Frankfurt	16	61	c	Miami	29	84	c	Seoul	21	70	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Funchal	20	68	c	Milan	18	64	f	Sing'por	27	81	c
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	18	64	f	Montreal	-	--		St'kholm	18	64	r
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	22	72	f	Moscow	26	79	s	Strasb'rg	16	61	r
Barcelona	21	70	s	Helsinki	19	66	s	Munich	14	57	c	Sydney	13	55	r
Beirut	26	79	s	Hong K	32	90	f	Nairobi	23	73	c	Tangier	27	81	s
Belgrade	22	72	s	Innsbrck	18	64	r	Naples	25	77	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Berlin	20	68	f	Istanbul	27	81	s	N Delhi	43	10	s	Tenerife	25	77	f
Bermuda	24	75	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	N York	29	84	f	Tokyo	22	72	r
Biarritz	18	64	c	Jo'burg	16	61	s	Nice	20	68	s	Toronto	18	66	c
Borde'x	19	66	c	Karachi	39	10	s	Oslo	16	61	f	Tunis	30	86	s
Brussels	15	59	f	L Palmas	23	73	c	Paris	17	63	f	Valencia	24	75	s
Budapst	21	70	f	Le Touqt	15	59	f	Peking	33	91	s	Vanc'ver	22	72	s
B Aires	18	64	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Perth	21	70	s	Venice	21	70	f
Cairo	33	91	s	Locarno	17	63	f	Prague	19	66	f	Vienna	21	70	f
Cape Tn	15	59	c	L Angels	19	66	s	Reykjavik	6	43	r	Warsaw	17	63	f
Chicago	23	73	s	Luxembg	15	59	c	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	27	81	f
Cologne	16	61	c	Luxor	42	10	s	Rio de J	24	75	s	Wel'ngton	-	--	
C'phagn	17	63	f	Madrid	27	81	f	Riyadh	38	10	s	Zurich	17	63	f

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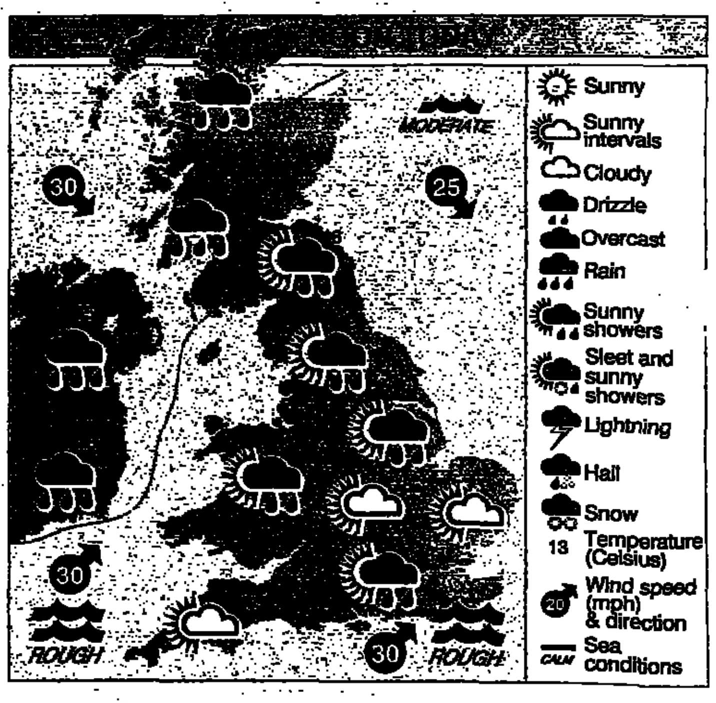

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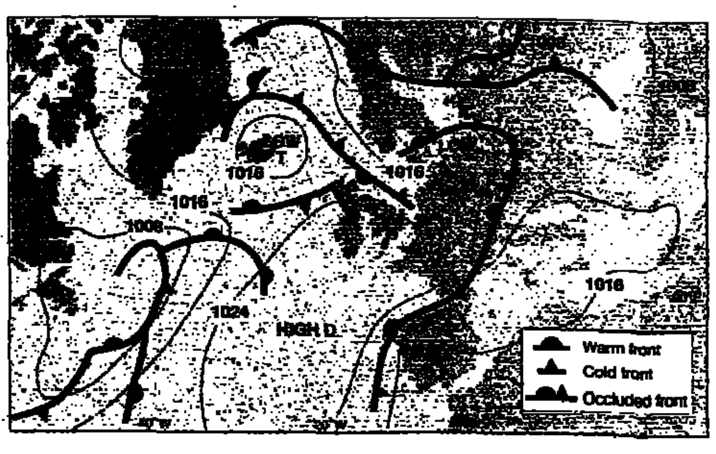

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5:55	6.41	6:02	6.21	Leith	6:49	4.71	7:25	4.63
Aberdeen	5:28	3.53	6:09	3.42	Liverpool	3:02	8.05	3:35	7.88
Avonmouth	11:07	10.86	11:24	10.92	Lowestoft	1:47	2.08	1:36	2.20
Belfast	3:04	3.36	3:33	3.00	Margate	3:54	4.13	4:05	4.21
Cardiff	10:43	10.03	11:04	10.13	Milford Haven	10:23	5.55	10:45	5.66
Devonport	9:51	4.48	10:05	4.68	Newquay	9:19	5.42	9:45	5.47
Dover	2:49	5.72	3:22	5.75	Oban	9:52	3.06	10:00	3.29
Dublin	3:50	3.53	4:24	3.36	Penzance	8:51	4.48	9:14	4.60
Falmouth	9:01	4.13	9:25	4.35	Portland	10:35	1.50	10:36	1.58
Glasgow	4:58	4.44	5:29	3.86	Portsmouth	3:03	4.15	3:43	4.19
Harwich	3:40	3.58	3:51	3.53	Shoreham	2:48	5.25	3:23	5.26
Holyhead	2:12	4.82	2:49	4.66	Southampton	2:45	3.95	3:20	4.03
Hull	10:15	6.36	10:53	6.11	Swansea	10:19	7.69	10:42	7.77
Ilfracombe	10:03	7.37	10:26	7.47	Tees	7:57	4.69	8:36	4.50
King's Lynn	10:21	5.56	10:52	5.28	W'ton-on-Nze	3.38	3.88	3:50	3.84

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First quarter tomorrow

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Nick Popplewell, the Ireland prop, dives through the Welsh cover to score his side's first try in their rousing 24-23 victory in Johannesburg yesterday. Photograph: John Stillwell. Report, page 26

Improved display earns quarter-final against Australia

Champions await England

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From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
in Durban

ENGLAND, with their most convincing performance of rugby union's World Cup so far, ensured a quarter-final meeting with Australia in Cape Town next Sunday at King's Park here last night. The clash of the two unbeaten countries in pool B, however, left a trail of injuries to both sides and Western Samoa will be desperately short of forwards when they take on South Africa on Saturday.

Yet England will be delighted that at last they have scored a hatful of tries. Mike Catt's confidence at stand-off half was infectious and Dewi Morris, a bundle of energy at scrum half, may have played his way into the side which will recreate the 1991 final — which Australia won.

Though he left the field late in the game after a crunching tackle, Dean Richards lasted most of the match without too much sign of his hamstring injury and England's fitness brought them finally to a 22-point victory.

England's bid to become the only home union to top their pool did not exercise an undue fascination on the citizens of Durban who, despite the city's tag as the last outpost of empire, have been less than pleased at the crowd arrangements in place for the earlier pool games here. A stadium capable of holding 50,000 was approaching half full when England kicked off on a mercifully dry evening.

Enough of them were English to raise a chant of "Deano" to greet Richards for his first game of the tournament; they received due reward when, within 90 seconds, England had scored.

Ojomoh soared at the back of a lineout, leaving the blind side clear for Ubogu to burst towards the line, find Morris in support and, when the scrum half was stopped, Back squeezed his way over near the corner.

It was just the start a reshaped XV required, while Catt at stand-off half welcomed an early touch of the ball with two raking clearances. Even an offside by Hunter did not spell danger since Umaga lacked the injured Kellett's strength and accuracy as a goalkicker.

Nonetheless a relieving penalty after a series of Samoan lineout successes was welcome, and paved the way for a breakaway stopped only with difficulty five metres from the Samoan line. Dawe conceded a good position by being penalised at the scrum but even so the points came when Leaupepe's short-arm tackle was punished from 38 metres by Callard.

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Again the Samoan line came under threat from a finely-judged garryowen by Catt but poor English discipline, including stamping at a ruck, wasted the chance. Yet England found space in a way they had not in their first two pool games, backs and forwards combining in the style which has been their ambition over the last year.

The back row, driven on by Richards, whose suspect hamstring was heavily bandaged, linked to good effect and gave Catt room to drop a low close-range goal. At the same time, however, England lost Rowntree, one of the four Leicester forwards in the pack; the prop limped off and Mallett trotted eagerly on to win his first cap.

It was the prelude to a chapter of injuries: Leavasa left the Samoan back row, to be replaced by Tatupu, who promptly surged down the right-hand touchline. Then Back, clutching his thigh, gave way to Rodber as England tried to reclaim their territorial ascendancy and their equilibrium at the lineout where the Samoans were unexpectedly effective.

The advent of Rodber had beneficial effects. First at the lineout, then at a midfield ruck where his Northampton colleague, Hunter, deserting the right flank, send Underwood over for his 44th England try. Callard's second penalty gave England a comforting half-time margin of 21 points.

The celebratory conga of several England supporters was cut short by Fa'amasino's 40-metre penalty which began the second half, but the zest of the islanders, hit by injury even before the match, seemed to have been left behind in East London.

If the English line escaped then, it fell seconds later. So quick in thought, the Samoans took a free kick and Sini, the replacement stand-off, scythed through to the posts to give Fa'amasino an easy conversion. The score roused thoughts of the second-half rallies in which the Samoans specialise, thoughts confirmed after Callard stroked over a long penalty.

The circumstances were the same, a free kick ten metres from England's line, and so was the scorer. The Samoans forwards were held short but the stocky Sini stretched his 5ft 8in frame over the line, the conversion closing the gap to seven points. England looked flat-footed by comparison and even Catt, cool throughout, missed touch twice.

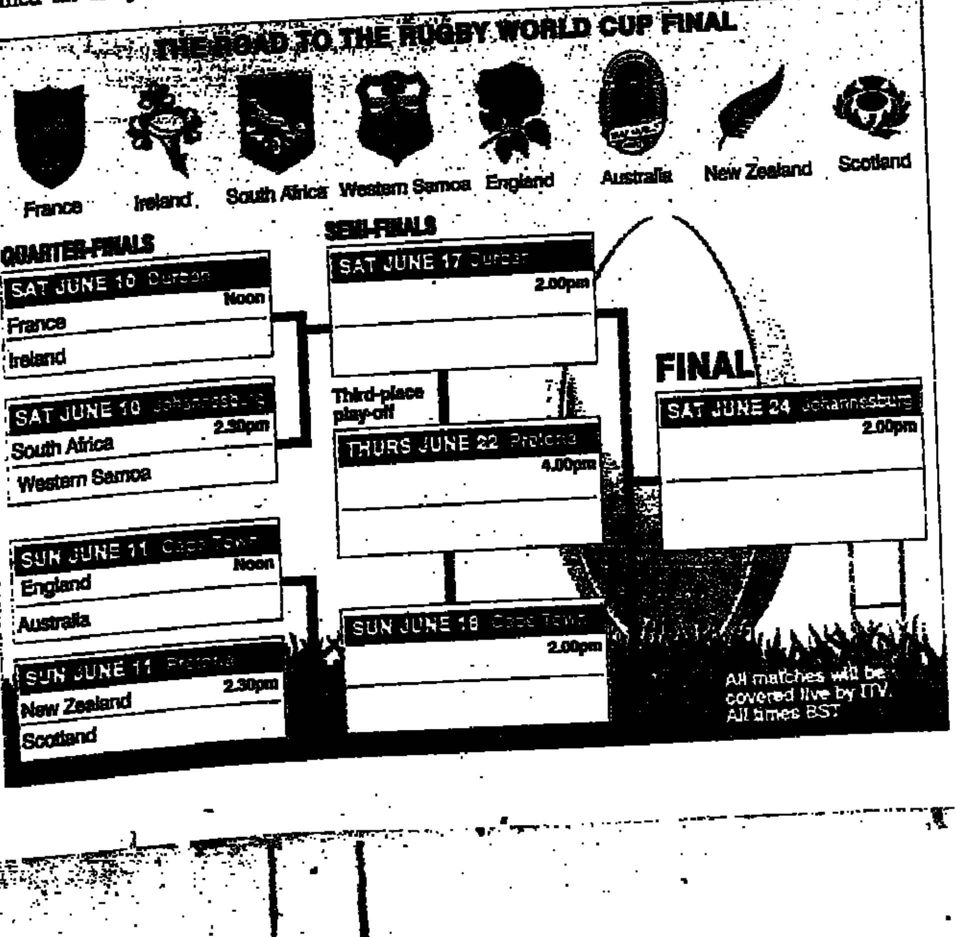
He compensated by prompting the move which led to an increasingly-common award in this tournament, a penalty try. Doubling behind a ruck set up by Rodber, he sent Ubogu surging forward, Morris and the England forwards drove in behind and, when the Samoans collapsed the maul two metres short, Patrick Robin had no hesitation awarding the try.

SCORERS: England: Tries: Back, R Underwood (2), penalty try. Conversions: Callard (3). Penalty goals: Callard (5). Dropped goal: Catt. Western Samoa: Tries: Sini (2), Umaga. Conversions: Fa'amasino (2). Penalty goal: Fa'amasino.

ENGLAND: J E B Callard (Bath), I Hunter (Northampton), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), P R de Glanville (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); M J Catt (Bath), C D Morris (Orrell). G C Rowntree (Leicester), R G R Dawe (Bath), V E Ubogu (Bath), S O Ojomoh (Bath), M O Johnson (Leicester), R West (Gloucester), N A Back (Leicester), D Richards (Leicester). Rowntree replaced by J A Mallett (Bath, 26min); Back replaced by T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army, 34); Carling replaced by D P Hopley, Wasps, 71); Rodber replaced by B C Moore, Harlequins, 73); Richards replaced by K P P Bracken (Bristol, 74).

WESTERN SAMOA: M Umaga (Wellington), B Lima (Marist), T Vaega (Moataa), T Fa'amasino (Vaimoso), G Leaupepe (Papakura); E Puleitu (Auckland Inst), T Nu'uali'itia (Waitemata). M Mika (Otago), T Leiasamaivao (Moataa), G Latu (Vaimoso), P Leavasa (Apia), D Williams (Colomiers), L Falaniko (Marist), M Iupeli (Marist), P Lam (Marist, captain). Leavasa replaced by S Tatupu (Ponsonby, 28). Puleitu replaced by F Sini (Marist, 40).

Referee: P Robin (France)



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BBC out to grass again in tennis overdose

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TV ACTION REPLAY

In just three weeks, the first ball will be hit on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, and the whole country will again be caught up in a fortnight of glorious self-delusion about Britain's status as a serious tennis nation. It is, as they say, fun while it lasts.

However, while there is little sign of improvement in our ability to play the game, there seems to be an unexpectedly growing faith in our ability to watch it. Spurred perhaps by an Australian Open that finally served up a winning mixture of drama and emotion, the television companies are packing their *summer schedules with tennis*. And that's before Wimbledon even begins.

The executive producer, John Rowlinson, returns from holiday today to put the finishing touches to the BBC's plans for its Wimbledon coverage. Already, though, most of his team are warming up at the French Open at Roland Garros — John Barrett, Mark Cox, David Mercer, Virginia Wade and the never-to-be-forgotten 1976 women's champion there, Sue Barker. The coverage from Paris is a big step up from last year, opening up four days earlier in *Grandstand* on Saturday and, until the first cricket Test intervenes, dominating the afternoon schedules on BBC2.

It is a big investment and a big gamble, especially given the enduring ability of French clay to produce games and champions somewhat lacking *in spark — Barker apart, of* course. But if Andre Agassi can swashbuckle his way to the final stages, and Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini continue to combine brawn *and beauty for a round* or two more, it should pay off. Win or lose, the women's final and men's final fall neatly for Saturday and Sunday *Grandstand* next weekend.

The BBC's mob-handed arrival at Roland Garros must be frustrating for Eurosport, which had the first week to itself. Both channels are using the same pictures, supplied by *the joint host broadcasters, Antenne 2* and *France 3*. These have generally been of a high quality and include a replay device that I have not seen before — a magnifying *glass effect that reveals the* changes in a player's grip during shot. The sound, too, has been frighteningly precise, picking up every cough, grunt and Anglo-Saxon curse.

In common with so many tennis broadcasters, however, the French do not have cameras positioned for disputed line calls. In these days of advanced camera technology, *having commentators reduced* to spouting the familiar "can't really tell from that angle" just is not good enough. As for upsetting officials, television replays have been successfully *incorporated in top-class* cricket, so why not tennis?

Unfortunately, Eurosport has not been able to recreate the commentary team that stole such a march on the competition during the Australian Open. Frew McMillan's commitment to Sky Sports and its coverage of Beckenham later this week means he is unavailable for the vital role of expert summariser in Paris. As a result, Simon Reed and David Mercer have been doing long solo stints behind the microphone, with only Clare Wood for occasional company in the commentary box.

Reed has a relaxed, easy style that sounds like it could *go on forever* — which is probably just as well when he is commentating for up to 2½ hours at a stretch. The knowledgeable Mercer, who can spot a player's girlfriend or coach *at 50 paces, has a* slightly more impatient tone and a frankness that can be dangerous and endearing. "Not really a game to stir the *emotions," may be an accurate* description of many of the early encounters in Paris last week, but is it wise? Mercer, for those of you confused, will spend this week flitting between the Eurosport and BBC commentary boxes.

Whoever picks up the silverware in Paris next weekend, the television companies will barely pause for breath. The BBC goes on to Queen's Club and then Eastbourne, while Gerald Williams and the team at Sky have Beckenham, parts of Queen's, and Nottingham. As for Eurosport, its grass-court coverage continues in Europe with tournaments at Rosmalen, in Holland, and Halle, in Germany. And after all that, it's game, set and *Wimbledon to the BBC*. Quiet, please.

Montgomerie extends poor play-off run with defeat at second extra hole

Walton's wizardry earns second win in eight-week spell

By Mel Webb

WHEN he was leading the Murphy's English Open by three strokes on Friday night, Colin Montgomerie said that, if he lost from that position, he *would be bitterly disappointed*. Yesterday he did and he was, going down to Philip Walton at the second hole of a sudden-death play-off after they had tied on 274, 14 under par.

A day on which the quality of the golf was dramatically reduced by a cruel wind that gusted its capricious way round the Arden course at the Forest of Arden, both Walton and Montgomerie made more mistakes in 18 holes than they would normally reckon to make in 72.

Happily for them both, only one man who was within striking distance of them as the day began was able to make much of a move. The honourable exception was Roger Chapman, one of the nearly-men of European golf, who finished third, three strokes behind, after a 69, two ahead of Peter Senior, Wayne Westner and Darren Clarke.

The £108,330 Walton won for his victory — his second in Europe in eight weeks after five years without a win — puts him into second place in the order of merit, while Montgomerie's second place returns him to No 1.

It also elevated Walton to seventh in the Ryder Cup points list. In spite of a performance which demanded nerve as well as technique, he remained guarded about the big match. "I don't want to talk about the Ryder Cup at the moment," he said. "I'll see how I feel about that in the morning."

Montgomerie was less inhibited about Walton's desirability as a Cup colleague. "Philip battled hard today," he said. "He would be a valuable asset to have in any Ryder Cup team." This was Montgomerie's fourth play-off, and *he maintained a 100* per cent record by losing it. To his credit, he maintained his sense of humour about it. "I love play-offs," he said. "No, wait, let me rephrase that. I hate play-offs."

"I can't explain it," he said. "It's just a coincidence that I haven't won one. I don't suffer too much from nerves, so it's not that." Since his other three defeats were at the hands of such luminaries as Ernie Els, Sandy Lyle and Severiano Ballesteros, he need have little cause for embarrassment.

Montgomerie, who was attempting to win the title for the second year running, was left downhearted at his defeat. "I don't feel I lost this today," he said. "Philip went out and won it. I feel good about my game. It's nice to be back on top of the order of merit, and I am looking forward to going to the US Open with my game in good order."

Walton had to show his stickability as Montgomerie larded the front nine with four birdies. If he had not lipped out with par putts at the 2nd *and the 5th, he would have* had the tournament won by the turn, which he reached in 34 to Walton's 35.

Walton birdied the 10th to put him level. Montgomerie went ahead again on the 14th when Walton missed a ten-foot downhill putt for par and they finished with 70 apiece after Montgomerie bogeyed the 15th and both men birdied the 17th, where Walton again proved his courage.

Montgomerie played a superb wedge to no more than a foot and Walton provided the perfect riposte with a wedge to 15 inches. Montgomerie holed the putt and led for precisely 12 seconds before Walton tapped his in.

Montgomerie hit a metal wood into the teeth of the gale on the first play-off hole, the 210-yard 18th, and ran through to the back of the green. Walton, all of 75 feet from the flag, putted up to eight feet and Montgomerie lipped out with his chip-and-run from 30 feet.

Victory and defeat came at the next, the par-five 17th, where Walton put his third shot gloriously to no more than two feet. A birdie was a formality. Montgomerie played in to 35 feet in three, had to putt over two ridges, and left the ball a foot to the left of the flag.

It was a good putt, no question about it, and nine times out of ten it would have taken the play-off back to the 18th. It was just Montgomerie's misfortune that on this day he met a man on a mission. Comfort zone? What comfort zone?

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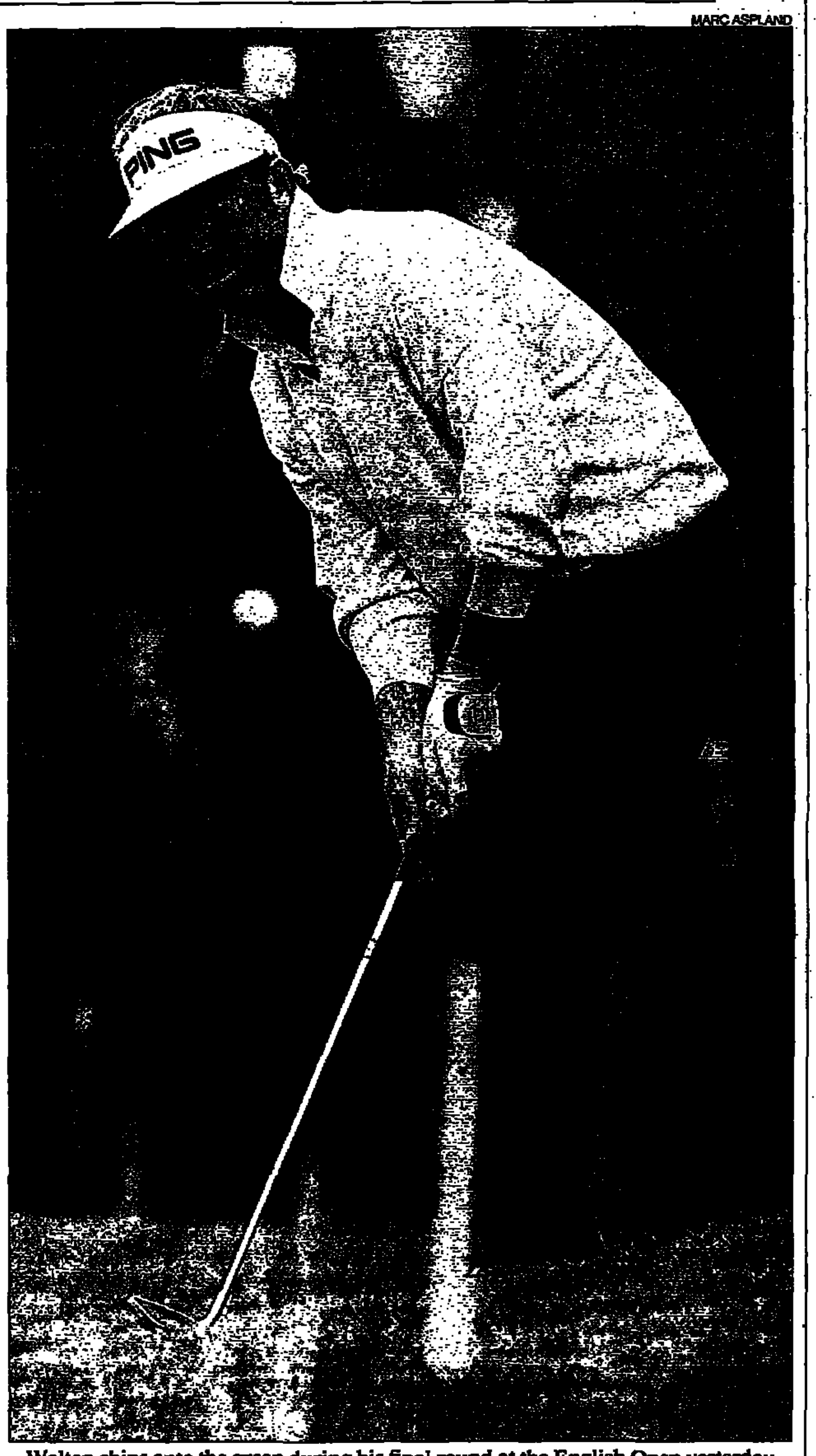

Walton chips onto the green during his final round at the English Open yesterday

Glasgow harbour hopes of medal

By Our Sports Staff

GLASGOW Western, the Scottish champions, have a chance of a bronze medal at the European women's club hockey championship at Utrecht today. Glasgow play Siauliai, from Lithuania, in the third-place play-off while Berliner HC, of Germany, and the home side, Kampong, make their first appearances in the final.

The Dutch beat Glasgow 3-1 yesterday to leave the Scots second in their pool ahead of Stade Francais on goal difference. But Leicester, who needed to draw or beat Berliner to reach the play-off against Glasgow, lost 1-0. Today they meet Swansea in a classification game.

Leicester had revived their challenge on Saturday when Sue Holwell, the former Great Britain international, scored in the last minute from a penalty corner against Randalstown, from Ireland.

Glasgow Western had Sue MacDonald to thank in a comfortable 4-0 victory over Swansea on Saturday after the Scottish international had scored a hat-trick. Sheena McKelvie scored the other goal.

England rounded off their build-up to the European Cup yesterday with a 5-1 victory over a depleted Scotland, for whom Alison Ramsay was making a world record 250th international appearance, at Lilleshall. After Rhona Simpson put Scotland ahead from a penalty stroke, England levelled immediately from a similar award through Karen Brown. Lisa Bayliss converted a penalty corner before half-time and Mandy Nicholls, Jane Smith and Anna Bennett rounded off victory in the second half. Bennett's goal followed an excellent passing move involving Smith and Brown.

On Saturday, Nicholls scored the only goal four minutes from the end in the first match after England had missed a host of chances, *including 10 penalty corners*. Jane Sixsmith set up the goal when she broke clear and as the ball rolled loose in the circle, Nicholls shot in.

Jane Swinnerton-Ions, the England manager, was not impressed with the performance against a Scottish side missing seven regulars. "It definitely wasn't one of our best performances," Swinnerton-Ions said. "They put a lot of players behind the ball and were hard to break down, but we needed more composure in attack and certainly should have won by more."

England defend their title at Amstelveen, Holland, later this month.

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Late goal plunges Havant into gloom

From Sydney Friskin
in Terrassa, Spain

HAVANT fought back from the depths of despair in the European men's club hockey championship against Amsterdam here yesterday, but a goal in the last minute by Jacques Brinkman deprived them of a precious point as the Dutch moved into the final with a 3-2 victory.

At half time Amsterdam were two goals in front. The Australian Graham Reid and Peters having scored to give them what seemed like a comfortable lead. But in the second half Havant put the Dutch defence under pressure and two goals by Giles from a short corner and a penalty stroke levelled the score. But in the end Havant slumped to the foot of the table in Pool B having on Saturday lost 2-1 to the Italian club Cernusco.

Havant, with only one point to their credit should on yesterday's performance have been worth more. But they will now play off today against the Belgian club Baudouin to avoid relegation to the B division next year. There seemed little hope against Amsterdam yesterday *for Havant who appeared to* have been outweighed in international strength but they had their injury problems with Lawson unable to play and even Giles did not come on to the field until after 25 minutes because of a groin strain.

Saturday's victory by Cernusco over Havant was fashioned by the Argentine international Fernando Ferrara who scored both goals from a penalty stroke and a short corner. The teams were level 1-1 by half time, Pattison having scored on the follow up from Havant's only short corner. The Italians had six of these awards, three in each *half*.

In today's final Amsterdam will meet Uhlenhorst from Germany who are seeking their eighth successive *triumph*. Uhlenhorst were within three minutes of defeat yesterday against Atletic Terrassa, when Fischer levelled the score at 2-2 from a short corner to put the Germans on top of Pool A. Atletic will play off with Cernusco for the bronze medal.

If Havant lose to the Belgians today, Teddington, winners of the national title, will have to play in the B division of this tournament next year. Guildford, who beat Teddington 4-1 in the HA *Cup final, will play in the Cup* Winners' Cup.

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Experience eclipses young pretenders

By a Correspondent

EXPERIENCE won through at the Leeds Water Ski Classic at the weekend when Olga Gubarenko, of Russia, took the women's overall title and Steffen *Wild*, of Germany, came first in the men's event.

The performance of the young pretenders, however, against a leading European field also made its mark. Gubarenko narrowly won the women's title, but it required a display of consistency in all three events.

On the way to the podium, she took the slalom title, a *discipline in which she* specialises. However, she was pushed throughout the competition by two 18-year-olds, Sarah Gatty Saunt, of Britain, and Angeliki Andriopoulou, of Greece.

Andriopoulou was an outstanding junior, winning the overall European title two years ago, and all three individual medals. Her second place overall in Leeds confirmed that she has continued to develop her skills in the senior division.

Andriopoulou showed that she can take the pressure when she gave a determined performance in the trick event, where nerves traditionally play their part. She included two perfect somersaults in her *programme and deservedly* won the individual title.

Gatty Saunt also set out her stall. Last season, a knee injury put her out of competitions, but she has begun the 1995 season in determined mood. Her weakest discipline is the jump, and although she *leapt 33.2 metres, just short of* her personal best, this area needs further improvement if she is to better her third place overall.

"I have never made the final in this event before," Gatty Saunt said. "I won the slalom title at the Australian Masters earlier this year, and I hope I can now put my injury behind me."

The men's event was dominated by Wild, whose powerful build gives him an advantage over the younger competitors in both the slalom and jump. Nonetheless, Jason Seels, 18, showed flair and maturity to give him third place overall and make him a prospect for the future.

The trick performance of the young Frenchman, Nicholas Le Forrestier, was the highlight of the competition. His ability to perform front flips and back flips in rapid succession with seeming ease puts him in a class of his own.

British water skiing enjoyed a golden era when Mike Hazelwood dominated the sport more than a decade ago. The Leeds Water Ski Classic *has shown that Britain has the* talent coming through the ranks to challenge the old guard.

Final flourish fails to save England A

A LATE fightback by England A failed to save them fro
their third successive defeat on their rugby union tour
Australia yesterday. Trailing 28-11 to New South Wa
County at Grahame Park, Gosford, with just three minu
remaining, the touring side scored two tries, one of th
converted, but had left their rally far too late and w
beaten 28-23.

Kevin Yates, the prop forward, scored a first-half try
England A and the acting captain, Paul Grayson, land
penalty goal. In a grandstand finish, the flanker, D
Eves, and the wing, Steve Hackney, with a fine sole e
scored tries, the second being converted by Grayson,
said: "We failed to keep the pressure on in the middle pa
the game. But the County boys ran hard and straight
didn't do anything fancy, all credit to them. They played
in the conditions and deserved their win."

Rain delays Faldo

GOLF: Nick Faldo was among 22 players who faile
complete their third round as rain again played havoc
the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio. Greg Nor
was leading the field after birdieing the 14th to move
under par when play was halted for the day. The se
round leaders were due to complete their rounds earl
morning, but the tournament organisers still hope the
will finish on time.

☐ Pam Wright, of Britain, scored a second successive
under-par 69 for a total of 209, seven under par, af
third round of the Oldsmobile Classic in Michigan.
is six shots behind Dale Eggeling, of the United Sta

Rematch for Forema

BOXING: George Foreman has been ordered to de
International Boxing Federation (IBF) world heav
title against Axel Schulz, of Germany, or forfeit the
The IBF directors raised Schulz from the No 9 t
contender and ordered the bout be contested with
days, but the deadline could be extended. The winne
face Franz Botha, of South Africa. Foreman refused
with Tony Tucker to face Schulz and was stripped
World Boxing Association crown. He won a controv
majority decision over Schulz in Las Vegas on April 22

Ryan topples Jahan

SQUASH: Derek Ryan, the Irish champion, ranked No
in the world, beat Zarak Jahan, of Pakistan, the world No
13-15, 15-13, 15-7, 6-15, 15-6 in 76 minutes in the first round
the Tournament of Champions in New York yesterday. The
played in a Perspex court mounted in the main waitin
room of Grand Central Station in front of curious weekend
travellers. Peter Nichol, the No 3 seed, Simon Parke, Chris
Walker, Mark Cairns and Danny Middings, all of Britain,
won their first-round matches along with Jansher Khan, of
Pakistan, the No 1 seed.

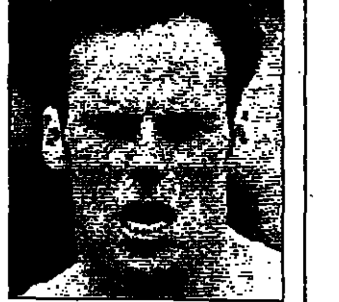
Betting ban remains

ATHLETICS: On-site betting has been ruled out by the British Athletic Federation (BAF). The BAF council, which met on Saturday, decided not to amend rule 19, which would have cleared the way for William Hill to set up mobile *betting units at the main international meetings in Britain.* Barry Snellgrove, the BAF commercial director, who was keen to see on-site betting introduced, said that the council's decision had been "pretty unanimous".

Vines challenges elite

YACHTING: Ben Vines, 21, the youngest national champion in history, joined Stuart Childerley and Glynn Charles among the eight competitors from the qualifying heat yesterday who will face some of the world's best match racers in the first round of the Vauxhall Royal Lymington Cup tomorrow. The top sailors with direct invitations include Peter Gilmour, ranked No 3 in the world, and Chris Law.

Staines sprints clear



ATHLETICS: Gary Staines, right, outsprinted Justin Hobbs to win the Bupa Great Welsh Run in Cardiff yesterday. The duo fought an intense battle over a fast city-centre 10-kilometre course before Staines took command to win in 28min 34sec. Staines said he was not yet sure if he would replace Paul Evans at 10,000 metres in Britain's European Cup team.

Fiji joins Super League

RUGBY LEAGUE: Fiji followed Tonga and Western Samoa yesterday in joining the Super League next year. They join New Zealand and Great Britain under the league, backed by News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, and will receive £638,000 to underwrite two-thirds of their budget over the next five years. Fiji will also replace Sydney as hosts for the official world sevens, including all Australasian and European Super League clubs.

Under-15s target Lord's

CRICKET: England have been drawn in the same group as West Indies and India for the Lombard Under-15 World Cup in England next year. The semi-finals of the tournament, which is the first for this age group, will be played on Test *grounds and the final will be held at Lord's on August 20.* The draw is: Group A: Canada, England, India, West Indies, Zimbabwe. Group B: Australia, Holland, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka.

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Britain's anchorman rides two faultless rounds at Hickstead

Whitaker inspires Nations Cup win

By Jenny MacArthur

IT WAS not a vintage Nations Cup at Hickstead yesterday but there was nothing second-rate about Britain's victory. Helped by a superb double clear round from John Whitaker, riding Everest Welham, a horse competing in this event for the first time, the British team won by 20 points from the United States, who had started as favourites.

Despite the poor opposition, Ronnie Massarella, the Britain team manager, had plenty to smile about. All four horses in the team were competing in the Hickstead ENZA New Zealand Nations Cup for the first time and three of them — Welham, It's Otto, Geoff Billington's Zurich Grand Prix winner, and William Funnell's Comex proved more than equal to the challenge.

"You wouldn't be afraid to send any of them to the European championships," Massarella said. "I just wish I had known they were only third favourites today for I would have put some money on them."

Only Emma-Jane Mac's Diamond, the horse on which she won the Ladies National championship at Windsor last month, proved a disappointment.

Mac, who incurred 24 faults in the first round and retired in the second, was selected, reluctantly, after Michael Whitaker's Elton damaged a fetlock earlier in the week.

"She's a brave girl," Massarella said. "She came in under duress knowing her horse was too inexperienced but she did her best."

Jon Doney's 12-fence course was not as big as in previous years but, given the sticky conditions and the second string nature of the teams offered an appropriate challenge.

The most difficult line was from the notorious water fence to the fifth, the Derby Rails, which proved one of the most influential fences on the course. Diamond was one of several horses who became unsettled by the sharp pulling up required immediately after the fast gallop to the water.

At halfway Britain held a comfortable eight-point lead ahead of Holland due to clear rounds from Funnell and Whitaker and just four faults from Billington. The latter, who, at 40, has competed in more than 20 Nations Cups but was making his debut in this contest, has almost certainly jumped his way into the team for the European championships in September after It's Otto's effortless display of jumping.

In the second round, over the same course, the British lead was lengthened by two more well-ridden rounds from Funnell and Billington, who incurred four faults apiece. The United States rallied, with good performances from their first two riders, Peter and Mark Leone, but they had left it too late to pose any serious threat.

With Holland falling behind the United States in the second round and Germany and Ireland dropping out of contention, Britain looked in an unassailable position. Whitaker, the last rider to go, could afford to hit four fences and still win the Prince of Wales Cup for his country. "Ronnie said if I fell off I was to get back on quick," he said afterwards. Whitaker, so often the anchorman of the team, never gave his team manager any cause for concern.

He started riding Welham, 13, last December at the invitation of the horse's owner, Keeley Durham, who wanted him to compete at more international shows. Despite his age, Welham appears to improve with every performance. In the British Grand Prix on Friday he had incurred only four faults and was evidently having a good luck at Hickstead's imposing fences.

Whitaker, though, never had any doubts that he would acquit himself well. "I always knew he was a good horse," Whitaker said. Watched by a tearful Miss Durham, Welham showed just how good he is by being the only one of the 24 horses in the contest to achieve a double clear.

Afterwards, Whitaker, whose children, Louise, 14, and Robert, 12, won eight junior classes between them during this meeting, confirmed that, if selected, he might ride Welham in the European championships.

William Funnell and Comex who rose to the challenge of helping the British team to victory yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

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Becker makes angry exit against Voinea

From Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent in Paris

AMID bitter recriminations on both sides of the net, Boris Becker was ignominiously knocked out of the French Open tennis championships yesterday. The German, seeded No 3 and three times a semi-finalist here, was beaten by a qualifier, Adrian Voinea, in an extended third-round match staged over 18 hours.

He was followed out by the women's third seed, Mary Pierce. The Australian Open champion and the runner-up here last year, she was beaten in straight sets by Iva Majoli, the twelfth seed, who has been burdened by being compared to her fellow countrywoman, Monica Seles.

After his belittlement, Becker directed his anger at the organisers, complaining of inflexible and insensitive officialdom. In turn, Voinea, a 20-year-old Romanian Becker had never heard of before, accused him of belligerence and less than gentlemanly conduct.

The trouble started for Becker on Saturday evening, when a four-hour wait ended with the instruction to prepare for play because the weather was improving. "I looked out and asked whether they were talking about Paris or some place in Africa," he said.

Amid thin drizzle, dim light and further grumbles of discontent, he yielded two sets before play was suspended. "What is the difference between now and 45 minutes ago?" he asked the supervisor, Brian Early. "It is still raining and it is still dark."

He explained why the leading players are at a disadvantage in such conditions. Instead of "doing the things that make us better than the other guys", aiming for the lines and serving heavily, they play a percentage game which is "not special but average".

Both players stated that, before leaving the court, they were told that matches elsewhere had all been stopped. In fact, unfinished sets were still being completed. "They cheated my opponent because he would have won easier than today," Becker said. Voinea charged the official with "lying".

When they resumed yesterday, Becker was unable to recover and went down 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Only once before, in 1993, when he was eliminated from the Australian Open by Anders Jarryd, had he been removed from a grand slam event by a qualifier.

He had been idolised by Voinea, but no longer. Sensing that his opponent had attempted to intimidate him with steely glares and unintelligible comments, "it was sad for me to change my idea of him. This kind of behaviour is not what we expect from him".

Voinea endured an undistinguished junior career and his only previous grand slam victory was at the Australian Open in January. Yet he and the equally unknown Australian, Scott Draper, have reached the last 16.

So did another qualifier, Younes El Aynaoui, but the Moroccan was outplayed by Andre Agassi. The top seed, interrupted only by a sharp shower in mid-afternoon, went through 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Pierce, though not visibly inhibited, left the arena at the end of the first set so that her strained groin could be strapped. She invariably calls for treatment whenever she is trailing and Magdalena Maleeva recently said that the habit amounts to cheating.

Pierce encouraged herself with frequent cries of "allez", yet Majoli endeared herself more to the crowd when she invited a ballboy to rally with her during the three-minute injury break.

"I don't like making excuses when I lose," Pierce lamented, "but it was hurting me when I served and when I ran for a wide shot." In four previous meetings, she had never been defeated by the 17-year-old and had conceded only one set. The roles were reversed as she submitted 6-2, 6-3.

Voinea: discontented

No-hopers should have gone before the second week but Adriana Serra-Zanetti subsided to the fastest defeat so far. Against Conchita Martinez, the fourth seed and prospective champion, she lasted for a mere 40 minutes in an example of miserably non-competitive tennis.

Jana Novotna provides a contrast on her own. On Saturday she led 5-0 and 40-0 in the third set against Chanda Rubin but later made the stunningly banal claim that "she didn't feel in control". Missing nine match points, she lost her nerve, as in the 1993 Wimbledon final, and the match.

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Gem of dispassion strikes the perfect balance

SIMON BARNES

At Hickstead

Sometimes you stumble over moments in sport that open an extraordinary vignette, not into the mind of the competitor but into the heart and soul of the sport itself. Recent examples include football's first division play-offs final, which finished 4-3, the Rugby World Cup match between Argentina and Western Samoa, and Michael Atherton's innings in the third one-day cricket international at Lord's.

We had such a vignette at Hickstead yesterday: 50 yards of rather squelchy green turf that, if you happened to be a show jumper, spelt out the entire meaning of life.

This was the ground between fences four and five in the Nations Cup. Four was the water, five a steep post and rails upright. It was a classic bit of course-building, and it did exactly what it was supposed to do. It sorted the winners form the losers, and showed what show jumping is all about.

You must take the water long, fast, and flat; you must take the post and rails, short, compact, and bouncy. Think of athletics, and imagine a long jumper's run-up, and a high jumper's. Utterly different gaits for utterly different purposes.

But the show jumping horse must do both. Picture Emma-Jane Mac on a wonderfully athletic beast called Diamond. Yes, but canalising all that lovely energy, that is the problem. Keen, too keen. They splashed in the water, and then clobbered the fence.

Control. That is what the sport's about. Another comparison for these decisive 50 yards: imagine driving your 4x4, and shifting straight from normal to low-ratio gears.

So in came the penultimate rider of the day, Albert Voorn and Jules' Brown Boy, needing a clear if Holland were to have any chance. And he was controlled all right. Far too controlled. He jumped with pedantic precision, and paid the same penalty as the over-zealous Diamond. Carefully, he dropped a foot into the wet, and carefully he clipped the upright beyond.

Between water and upright, the rider seeks not so much to correct speed as to change the entire shape of his horse. It's not a matter of slowing down. You must keep all that drive and energy you had for the water — and convert it into vertical impulsion.

Most riders hit the far side of the water and made swift, grabbing corrections. Obvious, unsubtle — and clearly leaving a fair bit to chance.

After the Dutchman had completed, John Whitaker rode for victory with four fences in hand. This is not a scenario to make British show jumping followers demented with anxiety.

The Whitaker brothers are both unappreciated away from the game's impassioned followers. Charisma bypass is one of the kinder remarks heard. Well, John showed yet again yesterday that he has had a nerves bypass. A burglar would envy him.

And Blondin would envy the balance. Blondin was the man who kept crossing the Niagara Falls by tightrope. Watching Whitaker and his horse, Everest Welham, take fences four and five was an education. Apart from the fact that there was nothing you could learn from it.

Whitaker rode a double clear, and he took the troublesome 50 yards of turf with his usual insouciant, what's-all-the-excitement-about aplomb.

You can't say what he did that other riders didn't. You could only really say what he didn't do. He didn't hit the water, he didn't hit the fence, and he didn't make a fuss. Flamboyance is for fairgrounds. For showgrounds, you need a rider who can balance a horse on the cusp of control; toppling neither into impulsive carelessness nor exaggerated carefulness.

No, Whitaker is not flashy and carefree. But then neither are the men who carve diamonds for a living.

Roland Garros offers recipe for relaxation

David Powell takes a day-trip to Paris to savour the charm and singular atmosphere of the French Open tennis championships

Some years ago, I held the position of press officer to the Beckenham tennis tournament, the first grass-court tournament in Britain in the run-up to Wimbledon. I had little alternative but to accept the post because the newspaper series for which I then worked was the sponsor and the editor saw me, his tennis writer, as the man for the job.

Indeed, it was a local scoop of mine, disclosing that the tournament was in danger of folding through lack of a sponsor, that prompted the newspaper management's move to take over as backer. A fee for my services was mentioned by the editor but, before I had time to suggest that it seemed rather low, he moved the conversation on to sell me the idea on the basis of a perk: I would be sent to the first week of the French championships in Paris.

I was persuaded, especially as I would have the chance to mix with the players. I would be expected to sign first-week losers and bring them to Beckenham, which coincided with the second week of Paris. I had only a small budget but, with persistence, I succeeded in signing Andrea Jaeger in my first visit.

Thus the French championships became an annual treat for me but, until last Friday, I had not returned for 13 years. It was like going back to the house of one's childhood and being struck by the change. These days Roland Garros is the complete sporting, shopping, eating and participating experience. Want to measure the speed of your service? You can do so at Roland Garros.

For a fast service to Paris I chose Eurostar: Waterloo to Gare du Nord in three hours. From there to Porte d'Auteuil, the nearest stop on the metro to Roland Garros, takes 30 to 45 minutes, depending on connections. The first train out of London will get you there within an hour of the start of play and, if you are prepared to miss the last hour, it is possible to do the trip in a day. You would have seven hours at the tennis. Tickets can be obtained from the French tennis federation, but the present tournament is sold out.

My ticket was for Court A where, for Fr255 (about £33), I could watch five matches, four singles and a doubles. Court A is the most recently built of the three main courts and, with Roland Garros shaped like an aircraft wing, it is positioned almost at the tip.

Ten national flags fly at one end, the Union Jack among them. It is reassuring to know that it remains in the top ten, even if it seems like a lifetime since a British player was. A walk to Court No 1, where the names of the singles winners down the years are inscribed on slabs of stone, is a reminder that British success was more recent. 1976: Adriano Panatta and Sue Barker.

Between Centre Court and Court No 1 is "Smash Corner", where Fr10 buys all-comers three timed services. No need for accuracy, just serve into a net and watch the digital display for an instant reading. Compare your speed with the record for the day. I tried when 211 kilometres per hour stood as the mark to beat. Nobody mistook me for Jeremy Bates.

I turned to the giant screen outside Centre Court to watch, briefly, Andre Agassi, then picked up his match again on television in the shop beneath the scoreboard, daring not to move in case an assistant thought I might be interested in parting with Fr595 for a bathrobe. From the window display, the shop is as inviting as a short lob but the prices call for restraint.

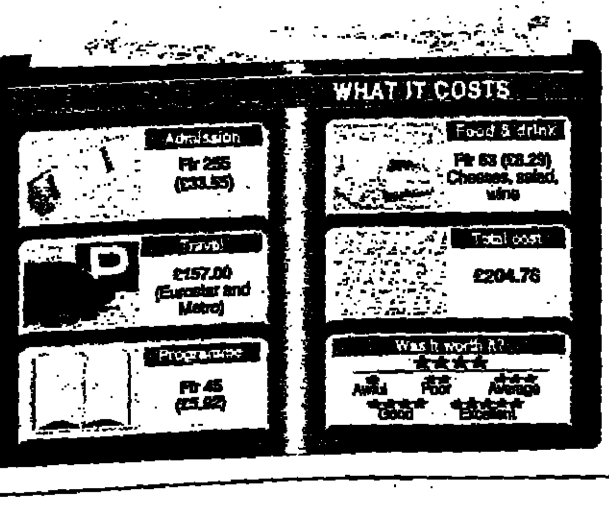
Food is inexpensive and, for less than the price of a Roland Garros T-shirt (Fr130) lunch for two can be bought: a selection of four French cheeses, salad and wine. What you lose in the exchange rate (Fr7.6 to the pound), you gain on the raspberry. Raspberries and ice cream for much less than the price of Wimbledon's strawberry treat. The atmosphere at Roland Garros is *sympathique*. It feels roomier than Wimbledon. Court A was only half full, the onesidedness of the matches inviting the temptation to seek excitement on the outside courts. Court A was the only one in which all matches were won in straight sets.

By lunchtime, Anke Huber and Thomas Muster had reached the last 16 of the singles. Gabriela Sabatini opened the afternoon programme. With her multi-coloured racket (blue, yellow and fluorescent orange), she dazzled and bludgeoned her way into a 6-3, 5-1 lead over Irina Spirlea. Tea was looming too soon after lunch.

Spirlea, though, delayed the *tarte aux pommes*, winning three games before Sabatini closed business. Jim Courier dispatched Christian Ruud with similar efficiency and, by now, I was in need of excitement. I found it on Court No 12.

I was under the impression that British interest had long gone but I had forgotten about the mixed doubles. On Court No 12 Clare Wood and Libor Pimek, her Belgian playing partner, were set-all against a Swedish pair. Wood, I had read recently, contemplated suicide not long ago but was saved from despair by a new man in her life.

Here she was smiling, even through a tense deciding set which she and Pimek won 9-7. Her troubles seemed far behind her now. But then it is hard to imagine anyone feeling troubled at Roland Garros.



Labegorce prove too strong

By John Watson

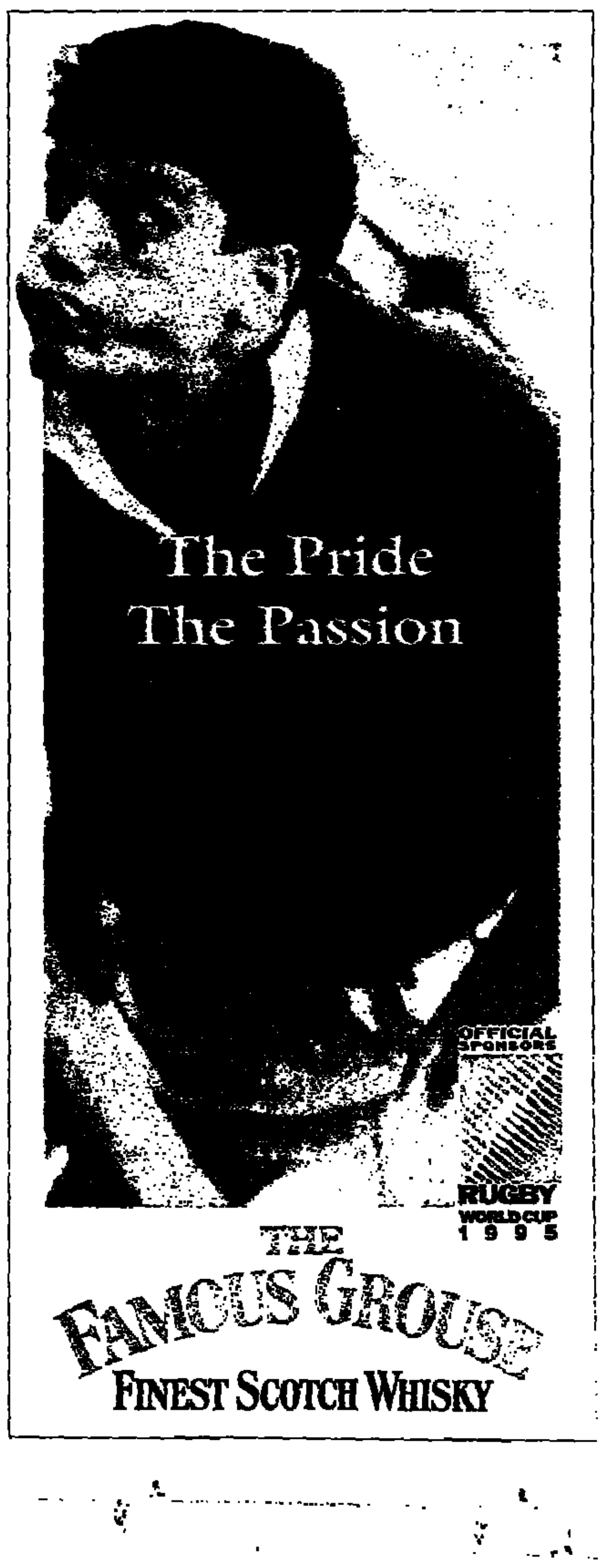
LABEGORCE, the team put together by Hubert Perrodl, overcame John Manconi's Alcatel 9-8 to win the Guards Polo Club's premier high-goal prize, the Dunhill Queen's Cup, at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday.

The final was perhaps the closest encounter in a tightly fought tournament, challenged by ten teams over a three-week period.

The most forceful player was Alcatel's No 3, Picci Alberdi, who displayed the most remarkable facility for threading his pony through the opposition, always backed up by his Chilean No 2, Gabriel Donoso. That duo was faithfully served in defence by Anthony Fanshawe. Alberdi scored all eight of the loser's goals.

Labegorce triumphed by virtue of their one-goal handicap advantage. They presented a line-up of almost exactly similar ability, with a ten and an eight-handicap at the centre and a three handicap in the back slot. Milo Araujo's ball control is a joy to watch, while his accuracy in front of goal was fatal for Alcatel. It was a penalty conversion by Araujo, followed by a goal from Pepe Heguy's mallet in the last chukka that ultimately gave Labegorce their victory.

LABEGORCE: 1 H Perrodo (0), 2 M Araujo (8); 3 P Heguy (10), Back: M Brown (3)
ALCATEL: 1 J Manconi (1); 2 G Donoso (8); 3 A Alberdi (10). Back: A Fanshawe (3)



Wales flattered by margin of defeat as dismal display ends their hopes

Bold Ireland march into quarter-finals

Ireland 24
Wales 23

FROM GERALD DAVIES
IN JOHANNESBURG

IRELAND now travel to Durban to play France in the first of the World Cup quarter-finals next Saturday. They now go for glory, and for inspiration they need only to remind themselves of how close they came to reaching the semi-finals in 1991, when they nearly put out the favourites, Australia.

After this pool C defeat yesterday, there is only the journey home for Wales and, as so often in recent years, to wonder what next. At least, as hosts, they do not need to qualify for the next World Cup. The question is what sort of shape will Welsh rugby be in then.

Playing the more astute tactical game, Ireland were never really troubled by a directionless and ineffective Welsh team. Ireland were the more skilful side, but only in the sense that they were better than their opponents, who were in dire form. Indeed, it was a game of utter mediocrity, bringing to mind their previous World Cup encounter, in 1987. At least then, in New Zealand, they had a difficult wind to contend with, but Ellis Park yesterday provided ideal conditions. It was a game in which the kick dominated. In this respect, Ireland were superior to Wales, but there was little else to admire.

Max Brito, the Ivory Coast wing, was in intensive care in a *Pretoria hospital* yesterday after sustaining a spinal injury during the match against Tonga in Rustenburg on Saturday. Brito injured his neck and spine after being trapped in a maul and was paralysed in both legs and left arm. He will be operated on this week.

The match was as dull and lacking in invention as the five nations' championship match at the Arms Park this year. It was frustrating, visionless rugby, and as poor an advertisement for the European game as the match between Scotland and France was good.

The match began superbly for Ireland, who were accurate from Elwood's kick-off and confident when going forward. Wales were uncertain, their game error-strewn. They were not only losing the *possession from every phase*, but also what little they actually won was stolen.

Just after Elwood had missed with an early penalty, a scrum on the Irish 22 was won by Wales, but when the return arrived at Lewis's feet, he then lost control and allowed Hogan to steal away with the ball. Derwyn Jones won the ball in the lineout, only for Francis or Fulcher to rob him.

Whereas the kicks from Clement or Davies invariably found O'Shea or Wallace, Elwood and Mullin found their mark deep in Welsh *territory. From one such kick* by Elwood, from within his own half and towards the corner, their first points came. They won the ball, drove into the Welsh defence, and Popplewell emerged with a try. Elwood converted.

A poor kick-off confirmed Wales's incapacity to do anything right. They might have counted themselves lucky, too, in that while Elwood's positional kicking was of a top order, his place kicking was inconsistent. Had he been more accurate, Ireland might have put themselves beyond Wales's reach, especially after *the second try was scored.*

Again the points came from the lineout, where McBride charged away. He was tackled but burst free for the second time before scoring near the posts, and for Elwood to add the extra points.

Before the interval, Jenkins, having missed one penalty, succeeded with the next, and before the half ended, Davies had dropped a goal. Jenkins closed the gap further with another penalty after the interval. For all their effort and territorial advantage in this third quarter, there was no hint that Wales were capable *of scoring a try. Ireland,* having soaked up the pressure, did. Hogan and Johns set up the path for Halvey to score. The flanker, coming on as a replacement for McBride, had only been on the field for four minutes.

The last ten minutes livened up, and for a while it even looked as if Wales might pull the game out of the bag. Mounting their attacks through desperation rather than calculation, they managed to create a try for Humphreys. With Jenkins converting, there was the whiff of a chance for Wales. *Elwood, however, widened the* gap with a penalty. In the fourth minute of injury time, Taylor scored Wales's second try, and with Jenkins again adding the extra points, the scoreboard stood at 24-23. It made the game sound more exciting than it ever was.

McBride runs clear of the Wales defence to score Ireland's first try in Johannesburg yesterday. Photograph: John Moore

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Popplewell McBride, Halvey. Conversions: Elwood (3). Penalty goal: Elwood. Wales: Tries: Humphreys, Taylor. Conversions: Jenkins (2). Penalty goals: Jenkins (2) Dropped goal: A Davies.

WALES: A Clement (Swansea), I Evans (Llanelli), M Hall (Cardiff, captain), N Jenkins (Pontypridd), G Thomas (Bridgend); A Davies (Cardiff), R Jones (Swansea), M Griffiths (Cardiff), J Humphreys (Cardiff), J Davies (Neath), H Taylor (Cardiff), D Jones (Cardiff), G Llewellyn (Neath), S Davies (Swansea), E Lewis (Cardiff)

IRELAND: C O'Shea (Lansdowne); R Wallace (Garryowen), B Mullin (Blackrock), J Bell (Ballymena), S Geoghegan (Bath); E Elwood (Lansdowne), N Hogan (Terenure). N Popplewell (Wasps), T Kingston (Dolphin, captain), G Halpin (London Irish), D McBride (Malone), G Fulcher (Cork), N Francis (Old Belvedere), D Corkery (Cork), P Johns (Dungannon). McBride replaced by E Halvey (Shannon, 65min). Referee: I Rogers (South Africa)

Little appeal in South Africa's riposte to brawl

South Africa 20
Canada 0

FROM DAVID MILLER
IN PORT ELIZABETH

SOUTH Africa's prospects of winning the third World Cup, and their moral worthiness, was cast in doubt by their involvement in the first all-out *brawl of the competition here* on Saturday night. Having looked as immensely powerful against Canada as they had against Australia on the opening day, they then surrendered self-control, dignity, and the respect of rival nations.

Their final match in pool A began and ended in darkness. A floodlight failure immediately before the start delayed the kick-off for 45 minutes. *Ten minutes from the end,* a brawl involving at least ten players resulted in James Dalton, the South Africa hooker, being sent off with the Canada captain, Gareth Rees, and prop, Jon Snow. At least three on each side might realistically have been dismissed by David McHugh, the Irish referee.

After a study of the video by the disciplinary commission, the referee's action was upheld, and all three players suspended for 30 days. Snow was exonerated for eye-gouging but instead found guilty of punching, by his own admission. The South Africans appealed against the sentence on Dalton, a decision being expected last night. It would be weakness in the extreme were the appeal to be upheld. Without discipline, the whole competition is devalued.

The appeal is as regrettable as the brawl. The South African Rugby Football Union, confronted with an appalling example of violence to the watching youth of their nation, should instead be expressing public regret instead of their expedient shuffling. There were several besides Dalton even more disgracefully involved.

I am not excusing Canada. Rees had promised that they would make it a battle, and so it was. At times, the commitment of both teams was bordering on frenzy, most noticeably in the six minutes when the South African pack, dominant in the tight, drove the Canadians like cattle back across their own line from five-yard set scrums. Richter, their No 8, was twice able to touch down amid the surf from the front five's heels.

Yet, in the loose, the Canadians remained unbreakable in the venomous running-handling style of their forwards that was reminiscent of the league game: tackle-heel-pass, tackle-heel-pass. The Canadians' defensive resistance, too, was often heroic, as when Christian Stewart's flying tackle drove Richter into touch, two minutes from half-time, as he forged through towards another touchdown.

When the Canadians began the second half with a continued stampede of forward running, the South Africans could barely believe it, though they responded with character. Summoning all their willpower, they again drove Canada back to their own line for a series of scrums and mauls, during which the Canadians somehow held them at arm's length.

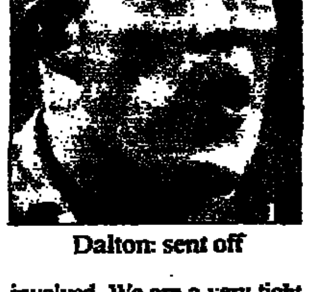
At this point the score was 17-0, just as it had been when the Canadians played Australia before they staged a recovery. Now, a scuffle in touch between McKenzie, the Canada No 8, and van der Westhuizen, who had come on as a replacement for Johnson, resulted in a penalty that Stransky converted for 20-0.

Still Canada hurled themselves forward like breaking waves against the South African cliff, searching for a reward that would never be found. Midway through the half they forced five consecutive scrummages along the South African line as the hosts, faltering under such pressure, conceded repeated penalties from which Canada *instantly opted for the* close-range scrummage. *In vain.* We marvelled at the endurance of both teams. Meanwhile, Stransky, slightly injured, had been replaced by le Roux at stand-off half.

Then came the emotional explosion. Hendriks, South Africa's deputy for Williams on the wing, and his opposite number, Stanley, tumbled ill-temperedly into touch together, Hendriks knocking Stanley *through a hoarding.* Christian Stewart, the Canada centre, heavily shoved Hendriks in the back, whereupon Hendriks, Wiese and le Roux began accosting anyone within reach. The Canadians responded, and instantly a red-hot rugby match had become a boiling saloon bar free-for-all. All that was missing were the broken chairs.

McHugh was meanwhile running around blowing his whistle like a trumpet voluntary, to not much effect. When the fists eventually dropped, it was difficult to apportion blame, though unquestionably McHugh did not get it right. That is hardly to blame him, as the South African press has done.

I saw nothing, for instance, done by Rees, who in a dignified statement said: "There was a fight. I was definitely involved. We are a very tight team and it was an awful situation, but I do not think I disgraced myself and I am proud to be Canada's captain."



Dalton: sent off

Strydom, the South Africa lock, left the mêlée with a badly cut eyebrow, so that with the injuries to Small, Johnson and Stransky, and Dalton's suspension, Kitch Christie, the coach, has unwelcome selection dilemmas for the quarter-final. Naka Drotske, the Free State hooker, is on stand-by.

Yet however the South Africans may resolve their formation, serious harm has been done to their image, and that of the competition. As other sports have sadly shown, being soft on discipline is the road to ruin.

SCORERS: South Africa: Tries: Richter (2) Conversions: Stransky (2). Penalty goals: Stransky (2)

SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert (Natal); G Johnson (Transvaal), C Scholtz (Transvaal), B Venter (Orange Free State), P Hendriks (Transvaal); J Stransky (Western Province), J Roux (Transvaal); G Pagel (Western Province), J Dalton (Transvaal), M Hurter (Northern Transvaal), K Wiese (Transvaal), H Strydom (Transvaal), F Pienaar (Transvaal), A Richter (Northern Transvaal), R Brink (Western Province). Johnson replaced by J van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal, 19min); Stransky replaced by H le Roux (Transvaal, 60); Strydom replaced by K Otto (Northern Transvaal, 72).

CANADA: S Stewart (UBCOB); W Stanley (UBC), C Stewart (Western Province), S Gray (Kats), D Lougheed (Toronto Welsh); G Rees (Newport), J Graf (UBCOB); E Evans (UBCOB), M Cardinal (James Bay), R Snow (Dogs), G Ennis (Kats), A Charron (Ottawa Irish), I Gordon (James Bay), C McKenzie (UBCOB), G MacKinnon (Britannia Lions). Ennis replaced by J Hutchinson (UBCOB, 65). McKenzie replaced by C Michaluk (Vancouver Rowing Club, 79). Referee: D McHugh (Ireland)

All Blacks unmoved by annihilation

New Zealand 145
Japan 17

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
IN BLOEMFONTEIN

ASTONISHING is the only word for this performance by New Zealand here yesterday. Nobody could have dreamt there was going to be such *disparity between these pool* C teams when neither Wales nor Ireland could score more than 60 points each against Japan.

What was no less surprising was the appearance afterwards of the All Blacks management — Laurie Mains, coach, Colin Meads, the manager, and Brian Lochore, the campaign manager. They looked stony-faced, as though their team had lost instead of scoring 21 tries and breaking just about every possible record. Are they never satisfied — or were they, like many spectators, stunned at the clinical dissection they had just seen?

The All Blacks played sevens rugby, running in tries that began behind their own line. Marc Ellis seemed to be able to score at will — his six tries equalled the world record for an international match. New Zealand scored at the rate of one try every four minutes, scoring their first in the second minute and three in all before the first scrum.

Any Scotsmen who were watching would have been advised to cover their eyes because this was clearly New Zealand's second team. Only six of them had played against Ireland and not many will be at Loftus Versfeld for the quarter-final against Scotland on Sunday.

Simon Culhane, who was making his debut for his country, set two records. The stand-off converted 20 of the 21 tries and then scored a try himself for a total of 45 points, thus edging past Gavin Hastings's 44 points compiled against the Ivory Coast. He had also beaten the world record points total for a man making his international debut, set by his countryman, Andrew Mehrtens, against Canada, before half-time.

This score far exceeds New Zealand's previous highest of 117 points against South Australia in 1971, not to mention New Zealand's previous best in an international match — 70 points against Italy in their opening game of the 1987 World Cup. "I would not have thought this was possible," Mains said. "If someone before the match said we would break 100 points, I would have laughed."

Japan did score two tries, both of which received loud applause.

CUP RECORDS

Most points by a team in a match
145: New Zealand v Japan, 1995
89: Scotland v Ivory Coast, 1995
74: New Zealand v Fiji, 1987
70: New Zealand v Italy, 1987
70: France v Zimbabwe, 1987

Most points by a player in a match
45: S Culhane (NZ v Japan, 1995)
44: G Hastings (Scot v Ivory Coast, 1995).
31: G Hastings (Scot v Tonga, 1995)
30: D Camberabero (France v Zim, 1987)

Most tries by a player in a match
6. M Ellis (NZ v Japan, 1995).
4: *I Evans (Wales v Canada, 1987)*
4: C Green (NZ v Fiji, 1987)
4: J Gallagher (NZ v Fiji, 1987).

Most tries by a team in a match
21: New Zealand v Japan 1995.
13: France v Zimbabwe, 1987
13: Scotland v Ivory Coast, 1995
12: New Zealand v Italy, 1987.
12: New Zealand v Fiji, 1987

SCORERS: New Zealand: Tries: Ellis (6), *Rush (3) Osborne (2), Wilson (3), Loe,* R Brooke (2), Ieremia, Culhane, Dowd, Henderson Conversions: Culhane (20). Japan: Tries: Kajihara (2) Conversions: Hirose (2). Penalty goal: Hirose.

NEW ZEALAND: G Osborne (North Harbour), J Wilson (Otago), M Ellis (Otago), A Ieremia (Wellington), E Rush (North Harbour), S Culhane (Southland), A Strachan (North Harbour); C Dowd (Auckland), N Hewitt (Southland), R Loe (Canterbury), K Schuler (North Harbour), R Brooke (Auckland), B Larsen (North Harbour, rep J Joseph, Otago, 17min), P Henderson (Southland, captain), Z Brooke (Auckland) Larsen replaced by J Joseph (Otago, 17mins)

JAPAN: T Matsuda (Toshiba Fuchu); L Oto (Daito Bunka Univ), A Yoshida (Kobe Steel), Y Motoki (Kobe Steel), Y Yoshida (Isetan), K Hirose (Kyoto Sangyo Univ), W Murata (Toshiba Fuchu), O Ota (NEC), M Kunda (Toshiba Fuchu, captain), K Takahashi (Toyota), H Kajihara (Katsunuma), B Ferguson (Hino Motor), Y Sakuraba (Nippon Steel), K Izawa (Daito Bunka Univ), Sinali Latu (Sanyo Electric). Latu replaced by T Akatsuka (Meiji Univ, 55mins).

Referee: G Gadjovich (Canada)

Dominguez's burst salvages Italian pride

Argentina 25
Italy 31

ARGENTINA, who started the World Cup in such promising style against England, will go home with nothing, robbed by one of their own (David Hands writes). Leading by a point in the pool A meeting at the Basil Kenyon Stadium in East London yesterday, they could only watch with horror as Diego Dominguez, the Italian stand-off half born in Argentina, made the interception for the try which turned the match.

Dominguez, whose 21 points carried him past 300 in his international career, dominated a contest upon which only honour hinged. "It was very important for Italian rugby that we win one game," Massimo Cuttitta, the Italian captain, said.

As a contest it was overshadowed by too much inaccurate kicking. But Italy forced a different approach when they scored two tries in three minutes to break the half-time deadlock of 12-12; *indeed having established an* apparently decisive advantage they allowed Argentina to take the initiative.

Casting aside their forward-based game, the Argentinians showed they could offer a combined front: Arbizu broke the defence, Cilley moved to the short side of a ruck and his inside flick gave Corral the try. Having moved to within four points, they profited from a careless Italian offside and Cilley broke clear from a scrum on the 22.

With only six minutes remaining, however, the Argentinians could not keep the upper hand. Cilley was *caught behind a lineout. His* excellent back row piled in to support him and Crexell whipped the pass away for a clearing kick but found only Dominguez, who rubbed salt into the wound by converting his try from an acute angle.

SCORERS: Argentina: Tries: Martin, Corral, Cilley, penalty try. Conversion: Cilley. Penalty goal: Cilley. Italy: Tries: Vaccari, Gerosa, Dominguez. Conversions: Dominguez 2. Penalty goals: Dominguez 4

ARGENTINA: E Jurado (Jockey, Rosario); D Cuesta Silva (San Isidro), S Salvat (Alumni, captain), L Arbizu (Belgrano AC), M Terán (Tucumán); J Cilley (San Isidro), R Crexell (Jockey, Rosario), M Corral (San Isidro), F Méndez (Mendoza), P Noriega (Hindu), R Martin (San Isidro), G Llanes (La Plata), P Sporleder (Curupayti), C Viel (Newman), J Santamarina (Tucumán).

ITALY: L Troiani (L'Aquila), P Vaccari (Milan), I Francescato (Treviso), S Bordon (Rovigo), M Gerosa (Piacenza), D Dominguez (Milan), A Troncon (Milan); Massimo Cuttitta (Milan, captain), C Orlandi (Piacenza), F Properzi Curti (Milan), A Sgorlon (San Dona), P Pedroni (Milan), *M Giacheri* (Treviso), O Arancio (Catania), J Gardner (Rome).

Referee: C Thomas (Wales)

WORLD CUP DETAILS

All times BST

RESULTS

Saturday

Pool A

Australia 42 Romania 3
Australia: Tries: Roff 2, Burke, Foley, Smith, Wilson. Cons: Eales 4, Burke 2. Romania: Dropped goal: Ivanciuc.
(Stellenbosch)

South Africa 20 Canada 0
South Africa: Tries: Richter 2. Cons: Stransky 2. Pens: Stransky 2.
(Port Elizabeth)

Pool D

Tonga 29 Ivory Coast 11
Tonga: Tries: 'Otai, Latukefu, Tu'ipulotu, penalty. Cons: Tu'ipulotu 3. Pen: Tu'ipulotu. *Ivory Coast: Try: Okou. Pens: Dali 2.*
(Rustenburg)

Scotland 19 France 22
Scotland: Try: Wainwright. Con: G Hastings. Pens: G Hastings 4. France: Try: N'Tamack. Con: Lacroix. Pens: Lacroix 5.
(Pretoria)

Yesterday

Pool B

Argentina 25 Italy 31
Argentina: Tries: Cilley, Corral, Martin, penalty. Con: Cilley. Pen: Cilley. Italy: Tries: Dominguez, Gerosa, Vaccari. Cons: Dominguez 2. Pens: Dominguez 4.
(East London)

Not including last night's match England v Western Samoa.

Pool C

New Zealand 145 Japan 17
New Zealand: Tries: Rush 3, Loe, Ellis 6, R Brooke 2, Osborne 2, Ieremia, Culhane, Wilson 3, Dowd, Henderson. Cons: Culhane (20). Japan: Tries: Kajihara 2. Cons: Hirose 2. Pen: Hirose
(Bloemfontein)

Ireland 24 Wales 23
Ireland: Tries: Halvey, McBride, Popplewell Cons: Elwood 3 Pen: Elwood. Wales: Tries: Humphreys, Taylor. Cons: N Jenkins 2 Pens: N Jenkins 2 Dropped goal: A Davies.
(Johannesburg)

TABLES

Pool A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Africa	3	3	0	0	68	26	9
Australia	3	2	0	1	87	41	7
Canada	3	1	0	2	45	50	5
Romania	3	0	0	3	14	97	3

RESULTS: South Africa 27 Australia 18; Canada 34 Romania 3, South Africa 21 Romania 8, Australia 27 Canada 11, Australia 42 Romania 3. South Africa 20 Canada 0

Pool B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Samoa	2	2	0	0	74	44	6
England	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*51*	*36*	*6*
Italy	3	1	0	2	69	94	5
Argentina	3	0	0	3	69	87	3

RESULTS: Western Samoa 42 Italy 18; England 24 Argentina 18; Western Samoa 32 Argentina 26, England 27 Italy 20; Italy 31 Argentina 25 Not including last night's match England v Western Samoa.

Pool C

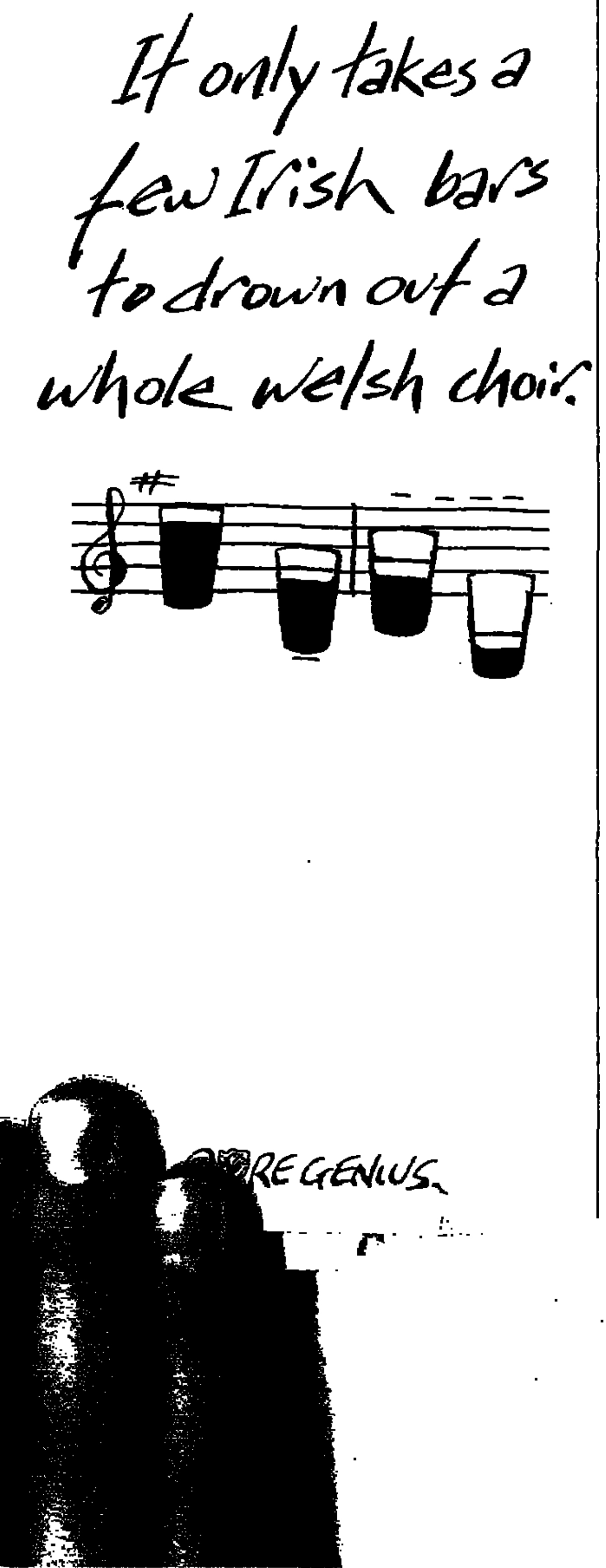
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	222	45	9
Ireland	3	2	0	1	93	94	7
Wales	3	1	0	2	89	68	5
Japan	3	0	0	3	47	252	3

RESULTS: Wales 57 Japan 10; New Zealand 43 Ireland 19; Ireland 50 Japan 28, New Zealand 34 Wales 9, New Zealand 154 Japan 17; Ireland 24 Wales 23

Pool D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	114	47	9
Scotland	3	2	0	1	149	27	7
Tonga	3	1	0	2	44	90	5
Ivory Coast	3	0	0	3	29	172	3

RESULTS: Scotland 89 Ivory Coast 0; France 38 Tonga 10; France 54 Ivory Coast 18; Scotland 41 Tonga 5; Tonga 29 Ivory Coast 11, France 22 Scotland 19.


It only takes a few Irish bars to drown out a whole welsh choir.
…RE GENIUS.

Last-gasp try provides dramatic sting to French fairy-tale recovery

Saint-André, the France captain, leads the celebrations as N'Tamack touches down to secure a thrilling win against Scotland at Loftus Versfeld. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Scots condemned to All Black option

John Hopkins in Pretoria on a 22-19 victory after one of the tournament's outstanding matches

VICTORY for Scotland by two points in Paris in February; victory for France by three points in Pretoria in June. Where will the excitement end? France and Scotland have played each other in 67 internationals, of which France have won 33 and Scotland 31 — and do not forget that 20-20 draw in the 1987 World Cup. Are they now condemned to thrill spectators for years to come, as they did in the French capital four months ago, and in South Africa's capital on Saturday night?

Only a blind man with ice in his veins could be unmoved at the way events unfolded in the closing moments at Loftus Versfeld on a balmy evening. The doughty Scottish defence was worthy of being written and sung about by Scotsmen for years to come. This was countered by demonstrations of Gallic flair that bordered on the desperate, and had the 39,000 spectators fidgeting constantly in their seats.

Scotland led 13-3 at half-time, by seven points with 16 minutes remaining, and by four with only four minutes left. Then, almost 84 minutes after the kick-off, the French made one last bid. Brave Scottish defence had scythed down one French attacker after another hitherto, but this time Benazzi rumbled upfield, the ball moved swiftly left, and Emile N'Tamack dived over the despairing tackle of Scott Hastings and over the line for the match-winning try.

On such a day, after such a game, there was only one possible conclusion. The fairy-tale had to be completed. Thierry Lacroix converted from the touchline, and as the final whistle blew he turned to the crowd and, with clenched fists, he raised his arms triumphantly. He had had five penalty kicks and one conversion, and had landed every one.

Lacroix had missed five kicks out of six against Scotland in February. He explained that, four months ago, Eliane Lacroix, his mother, was still badly injured after a car crash, and he was so worried about her that he was unable to practise for any length of time. Now she is recovering and receiving physiotherapy at his practice in Dax, he was able to work at his goalkicking in the right frame of mind.

In Paris, it was a magnificent try by Gavin Hastings, which he then converted, that sealed France's fate. This time, Hastings set up another magnificent Scottish try; but it was not to be the match-winner. Jean-Luc Sadourny sliced an attempted clearance kick, Bryan Redpath, who played brilliantly, deftly caught the ball and flicked it on to Hastings, who broke through a tackle by Philippe Sella as if he was bursting through a flimsy piece of paper. With 15 yards to go, Rob Wainwright was on his captain's shoulder to take the scoring pass.

Like Lacroix's goalkicking transformation, another riddle concerned the performance of Hastings, whose goalkicking was marginally less accurate than usual and who was less of a commanding captain than he has been on other occasions. Had the French somehow worked out how to reduce his efficiency?

"We knew that the more we got him to run, the less successful he would be with his kicking," Lacroix said. "I don't know whether it is his age. It probably is. It is the same for me. If I make a 40-metre break and score a try I do not have all my faculties afterwards, so I give the conversion to someone else. We tried to make Gavin run."

Scotland's tactics were to play a tight game and, accordingly, Chalmers kicked 19 of the 26 times he received the ball, and passed only six times. Scotland demonstrated considerable physical presence, too, and Benetton and Accoceberry suffered broken arms to prove it. Cronin was warned for stamping. Scotland's undoing was that, having led for the last 45 minutes, they could not hold on for one more. "Some things in life you deserve and I don't think we deserved to be beaten in that game," Douglas Morgan, the Scotland coach, said.

The conclusion was unforgettable — two teams trying to win for all they were worth, not just for the honour of victory but for the greater prize of avoiding New Zealand in the quarter-finals. As the dull thud of defeat began to sink in, Scotland confronted it with magnanimity and dignity, Gavin Hastings particularly. Not for the Scots the relatively easier match against fellow Celts and the real prospect of a place in a semi-final. "I guess we are now feeling what the French felt in Paris a few weeks ago," the Scotland captain said.

"We have to go out now and play the game of our lives. France made history by beating the All Blacks twice last year. We must make history by becoming the first Scottish team to beat the All Blacks." One's heart went out to him, even though one's head said he was whistling in the dark.

SCORERS: France: Try: N'Tamack. Conversion: Lacroix. Penalty goals: Lacroix (5). Scotland: Try: Wainwright. Conversion: G Hastings. Penalty goals: G Hastings (4).

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); E N'Tamack (Toulouse), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Saint-André (Montferrand, captain); C Deylaud (Toulouse), G Accoceberry (Dax), L Bénézech (Racing), J-M Gonzales (Bayonne), C Califano (Toulouse), A Benazzi (Agen), O Roumat (Dax), O Merle (Montferrand), L Cabannes (Racing), P Benetton (Agen). Benetton replaced by M Cecillon (Bourgoin, 20min); Accoceberry replaced by A Hueber (Toulon, 32).

SCOTLAND: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); C Joiner (Melrose), S Hastings (Watsonians), G Shiel (Melrose), K Logan (Stirling County), C Chalmers (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose); D Hilton (Bath), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Wright (Boroughmuir), R Wainwright (West Hartlepool), G Weir (Melrose), D Cronin (Bourges), I Morrison (London Scottish), E Peters (Bath). Shiel replaced by I Jardine (Stirling County, 46); Wright replaced by P Burnell (London Scottish, 71).

Referee: W Erickson (Australia).

Australia still searching for the missing link

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FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN STELLENBOSCH

THOUGH with less of a fanfare than four years ago, Australia safely negotiated their way to the quarter-finals of the World Cup in the first international to be played at the Danie Craven Stadium here on Saturday. In the process they have deflected, intentionally or not, attention towards South Africa and New Zealand while they endeavour to recover the missing parts of their own game.

Like England, they have yet to fire on all cylinders, but four second-half tries against a Romania side unable to sustain its forward effort for more than an hour acted as quite a restorative. The match also demonstrated that Joe Roff, only 19, may become a useful commodity on the wing, and the classically simple goalkicking of John Eales.

Yet there is a greater predictability to these Australians. On Saturday, this was partly due to the absence of the mercurial David Campese, but they have yet to recover from the retirement two years ago of Nick Farr-Jones. His judgment at scrum half and his linking with the back row was at the hub of so many positive movements and, not surprisingly, neither Peter Slattery nor George Gregan have the same skills.

But will Australia find the extra gear required for the quarter-final in Cape Town? The form of Eales has become critical for them, as ball-winner at the lineout, as a thundering force in the loose and here, where he took over from Matt Burke in the second half, as goalkicker.

Eales has played all three pool matches and they cannot afford to rest him now. So, too, has Tim Gavin, the steadying influence in the back row and counterpoint to the rampaging Willie Ofahengaue or, here, Ilie Tabua. Australia need such workers, to tidy up their play at ruck and maul, where they turn over too many balls for comfort, and to give David Wilson the chance to forage wide in support of his backs.

Wilson deservedly picked up the final try of the match, by which time the Romanians were wilting. Trailing only 14-3 at the interval, having opened the scoring through Ivanciuc's dropped goal, they contested the lineout with great enthusiasm but their midfield handling constantly let them down and they did not come to terms with Roff.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Roff (2), Foley, Burke, Smith, Wilson. Conversions: Eales (4), Burke (2). Romania: Dropped goal: Ivanciuc.

AUSTRALIA: M Burke (New South Wales), D Smith (Queensland), D Herbert (Queensland), T Horan (Queensland), J Roff (ACT), S Bowen (NSW), G Gregan (ACT), A Daly (NSW), M Foley (Queensland), E McKenzie (NSW), I Tabua (Queensland), R McCall (Queensland, captain), J Eales (Queensland), D Wilson (Queensland), T Gavin (NSW). Gregan replaced by P Slattery (Queensland, 72min); Herbert temporarily replaced by M Pini (Queensland, 29-37); Wilson temporarily replaced by D Manu (NSW, 28-34).

ROMANIA: V Brici (Farul Constanta), L Colceriu (Steaua Bucharest), N Racean (Cluj University), R Gontineac (Cluj University), G Solomie (Timisoara); I Ivanciuc (Suceava), V Flutur (Cluj University), G Leonte (Vienne), I Negreci (CFR Constanta), G Vlad (Grivita Rosie), A Gurănescu (Dinamo Bucharest), S Ciorascu (Auch), C Cojocariu (Bayonne), A Gealapu (Steaua Bucharest), T Brinza (Cluj University, captain). Gontineac replaced by A Lungu (Castres Olympique, 57); Negreci replaced by V Tufa (Dinamo Bucharest, 74).

Referee: N Saito (Japan).

Feasting on delights of Rustenburg

CLEMENT FREUD IN SOUTH AFRICA

When, in the fullness of time, they ask me to name my most enjoyable afternoon's rugby overall, I shall not hesitate: "Rustenburg, June 3, 1995, Tonga v Ivory Coast, verily"... a word I took from the Gideon Bible.

The vibes for this event had been inauspicious. The local paper published a letter from a citizen who had encountered acute haplessness at the previous match: endless queues causing him to miss the beginning, an hour-plus wait for egress. A Welsh linesman had observed that the folk of Rustenburg would be unable to organise a piss-up in a brewery. As the local drink is an undemanding brandy known as Klipdrif, he probably had a point.

We had decided to make a day of it: Ivan to supply chocolates and wine; Mark to bring his four-year-old daughter and drive. Gill and India in charge of software, roast chickens and cream doughnuts. I made smoked salmon sandwiches from the side I had brought out and took an icebox filled with Klein Constanzia Chardonnay and fruit juice.

Ivan was late. There are just too many Second Avenues in Johannesburg. We left a note on the gate with Mark's car's cellphone number. Then Mark had to fill up with petrol at a garage where he had an account which was not the most adjacent. When Ivan phoned we agreed to meet in a shopping mall car park, transferred his booty to our boot and, as the journey is a hundred miles, we did not reach our destination until the teams' anthems had been played on our car radio. "A disappointing crowd, don't you think, Ruth?" the commentator says. Ruth, who is the radio station's token woman, agrees.

Rustenburg is a platinum town with a fairground at one end, the stadium at the other. On the surrounding terrain were hundreds of cars, many dozen buses and a very few people queueing to be body-searched at the entrance.

We left our drink in the car, except Ivan, who carried his in a plastic bag, and we were, all of us, patted about our bodies and let through. Ivan's hand baggage did not receive so much as a glance. Nobody asked us for tickets, which was fortunate. We had none. Nobody asked for money either, which was silly for I carried a wad of notes in my hand.

The ground is small and was bathed in sunshine. Two largish stands provide excellent views of the action and behind the posts are banks of sloping lawn with a few Transvaal olive trees to afford shade.

About 20 policemen and their Alsatians sat on the perimeter track between us and the dead-ball line. The dogs were well behaved, though they growled at the security men who wore yellow jackets and walked back and forth; one wondered why. If ever there was an unlikely scenario for violence this was it: men and women wandered among the crowd selling ice-cream, biltong and sun-hats; girls who had not previously encountered so large an audience preened themselves as they traipsed in front of the boys. Children played running games.

On the field of play, nothing took one's attention, though a general pattern emerged: Tongans are tougher than Ivorians; Ivorians are faster than Tongans; neither team would beat Orrell. If points were awarded for looking over your shoulder as you run with the ball, this might have been the highest-scoring game of all time.

After 20 minutes Ivan's provender had been consumed and it was decided to send a party to collect the rest of our stuff from the car boot. Lots were drawn, a couple dispatched, we waited. The siege of Ladysmith lasted 199 days, Mafeking in excess of seven months. Rustenburg was relieved in ten minutes, the scouts having talked their way out of the ground and returned with their boxes explaining, "We are the people who just went and are back."

Tickets?

No. Oh, all right.

On the pitch there were many stops: for injury — one very serious; consultation; physiotherapy; referee speaking to linesman; half-time ... but the action was sloppy by the Tongans and ill-conceived by the Ivorians, whose every move forward was cheered by the crowd because (a) they are living locally, (b) they were the underdogs and (c) it was such a lovely afternoon.

With a quarter of an hour to go and the result assured, the crowd decided to take things into their own hands and executed a series of such wholehearted Mexican waves that the players slowed to watch us. Waves started at the far end of the stand, moved to the people sitting on the grass behind the posts, who went to some trouble and inconvenience to keep it going into the hospitality boxes, from which men in suits emerged to speed its passage along the near-side lane and on to the folk behind the far posts.

We did the wave clockwise and then anti-clockwise; we waved and laughed and collapsed and tried ever harder to perfect it. Then we glanced at the field and found that the players had gone. The final score was 29-11.

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Smith profits as England turn to Illingworth

Smith: promotion

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN SMITH'S Test career has been revived in a way even he cannot have envisaged. After 12 months of agonising in the wilderness, he will open the innings in the first Test match at Headingley on Thursday for an England side that will also, bizarrely, include a spin bowler named Illingworth. Apparently, it is Richard Illingworth, of Worcestershire, although it would scarcely have been more of a surprise had it turned out to be Raymond himself.

The party of 12, announced yesterday, is entirely pragmatic. It lacks flair and sensitivity, and flies in the face of Michael Atherton's plea, when the winter tour of Australia ended, to identify players for the future. Instead, it focuses squarely on the match at hand. "We feel," Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, said, "we have made such a mess of the first Tests in recent series that it's vital we get off to a good start."

The selectors' chosen path to such a goal, however, is not exactly route one. In order to accomodate five bowlers rather than four, they have broken up one of the team's great assets, a settled opening pair, reimposed the wicketkeeping gloves upon a reluctant Alec Stewart, and given his batting position to a man who has virtually no background in the job.

Additionally and astonishingly, they have chosen a 31-year-old slow bowler of negative inclinations well suited to one-day cricket, but whose only two Tests were played four years ago, also against West Indies. His first ball took a wicket and his last, at Edgbaston, was struck contemptuously for six by Vivian Richards. At the time, it seemed a fitting farewell.

In a newspaper survey of county captains yesterday, even Tim Curtis, of Illingworth's own club, did not include him in his ideal England 12. Nor, for that matter, did anyone else. Richard Illingworth himself cannot have expected to play again at this level, and the explanation of his namesake — that he is "a good pro who won't let us down" — is a depressing testimony to culpable caution.

With the twelfth man being chosen from the five seam bowlers in the squad, Illingworth will definitely play. Watched by Raymond Illingworth and David Graveney, his fellow selector, within the past week, he impressed them sufficiently to queue-jump past Richard Stemp, Min Patel and Ian Salisbury for the position that might routinely have remained with Philip Tufnell if he had not attracted the sort of tour report that a schoolboy would lose in a convenient bush rather than show to his parents.

Regrettably, Stemp was thought to have had too little bowling on the seam-orientated pitches that Yorkshire have played upon this year. Patel has attracted criticism for his negative line, but despite signs that, late in life, he has begun to employ the virtue of flight, Illingworth himself is the very antithesis of an attacking slow bowler. What he is, of course, is a doughty, durable Yorkshireman, qualities appreciated by the present regime.

As expected, the meeting of the four selectors, in Manchester on Saturday evening, was dictated by the choice of a wicketkeeper. Stewart had received a telephone call from the chairman, earlier in the day, and it came as some surprise to him that, against all previous declarations, there was once more a strong chance that he was to suffer for the shortcomings of others.

The selectors could not find anyone good enough to bat at No 6 and bowl, so Stewart must give up what he is best at — opening the batting — and keep wicket. "Deep down, he would prefer to open and not keep," Illingworth admitted in a careful understatement of his vice-captain's feelings, "but whether or not this is a long-term thing will depend on us finding an all-rounder at No 6. That is the ultimate aim for me."

Stewart has become a capable wicketkeeper and, if the recall of Jack Russell is to be resisted, he is as good as anyone available. Whether it is worth sacrificing the stability of the top-order batting, however, I very much doubt. Stewart will now come in at No 4 or No 5, with Graeme Hick remaining at No 3 and Mark Ramprakash — preferred to John Crawley and Alan Wells — at No 6.

Smith, whose credentials against fast bowling and record against West Indies cannot be faulted, is now rechannelled towards the game after a period when Keith Fletcher, then the England manager, was one of many who believed him to be distracted by business interests. He has opened twice in Tests before, making 128 against Sri Lanka in Colombo on the last occasion, but his promotion here is at the expense of Jason Gallian and Trevor Ward, *who do the job regularly.*

"For this match we really wanted to go along with people we know," Illingworth said. It is to some degree an understandable instinct to delay experiment and adventure, for England have made a habit of losing Test series before the halfway point, but the entire selection reeks of short-termism, of a compromise held together with sticky-tape, and of the false security of the familiar at the expense of the unknown.

ENGLAND PARTY

Player (county)	Age	Tests
M A Atherton (Lancs, capt)	27	45
R A Smith (Hampshire)	31	53
G A Hick (Worcestershire)	29	32
A J Stewart (Surrey)	32	45
G P Thorpe (Surrey)	25	15
M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)	25	15
P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)	29	43
D Gough (Yorkshire)	24	7
P J Martin (Lancashire)	26	0
R K Illingworth (Worcs)	31	2
A R C Fraser (Middlesex)	29	24
D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)	32	32

Bishop proves fitness to return to Test side at Headingley

West Indies bowlers enjoy useful workout

By Simon Wilde

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 281 all out against the West Indians

THIS was more like the West Indians of old. In what may have been their last spell of outcricket before the first Test match, their fast bowlers bowled with pace, hostility and accuracy — well, they delivered only 11 no-balls and a wide — and were given tigerish support in the field. Northamptonshire gratefully mustered a total of 281 after *tottering at 88 for five shortly* after lunch.

SCOREBOARD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Lara b Bishop	27
A Fordham c Chanderpaul b Walsh	0
*R J Bailey c Chanderpaul b Bishop	30
T C Walton b Dhanraj	0
R J Warren lbw b Walsh	37
D J Capel c Adams b Bishop	12
A L Penberthy c Murray b Adams	73
J N Snape lbw b Dhanraj	17
†D Ripley b Bishop	3
N A Mallender not out	49
J P Taylor c Walsh b Adams	7
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 22)	26
Total (97.1 overs)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-67, 3-68, 4-70, 5-88, 6-157, 7-190, 8-197, 9-243

BOWLING: Ambrose 13-6-28-0; Walsh 15-4-43-2; Bishop 23-7-64-4; Arthurton 2-0-9-0; Dhanraj 33-5-113-2; Adams 11.1-4-21-2.

WEST INDIANS: S L Campbell, S C Williams, B C Lara, J C Adams, K L T Arthurton, S Chanderpaul, †J R Murray, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose, *C A Walsh, R Dhanraj

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J D Bond.

The curious thing was, the touring team did this not under the leadership of Richie Richardson but Courtney Walsh, a man whom some would rather see permanently lead them. Richardson, despite indifferent form and uncertain confidence, chose to miss the game.

As it happened, the loss of the first day's play to rain reduced the scope for meaningful practice but the West Indians were anxious enough to play that they risked injury on an outfield still damp in patches. Though Ambrose, Walsh and Bishop are certain to play at Headingley, each had good reason to want a strenuous workout.

The pick of them was Bishop, who took four for 64 from 23 overs, his first first-class wickets of the tour. He bowled with the fire he showed before his last back injury two years ago and claimed good scalps in Montgomerie, Bailey and Capel.

Montgomerie and Bailey, who put on 66 for the second wicket, were both caught in the slip cordon (Montgomerie through a knock-on from Campbell to Lara) and Capel *taken on the boundary hooking.* With Capel, it was always going to be all or nothing.

Walsh, in his first bowl since damaging his back at the Oval eight days earlier, also performed impressively. In his second over, he had Fordham caught in the gully and also accounted for Warren to end the most productive stand of the innings, the 69 Warren and Penberthy put on for the sixth wicket.

For Ambrose, the day was not so productive. Even a return to one of his favourite hunting grounds was not enough to bring him the wicket for which he has been desperately searching since May 14. But his first spell of eight overs yielded only three runs and few pleasantries. Equally importantly, perhaps, he bowled only one no-ball.

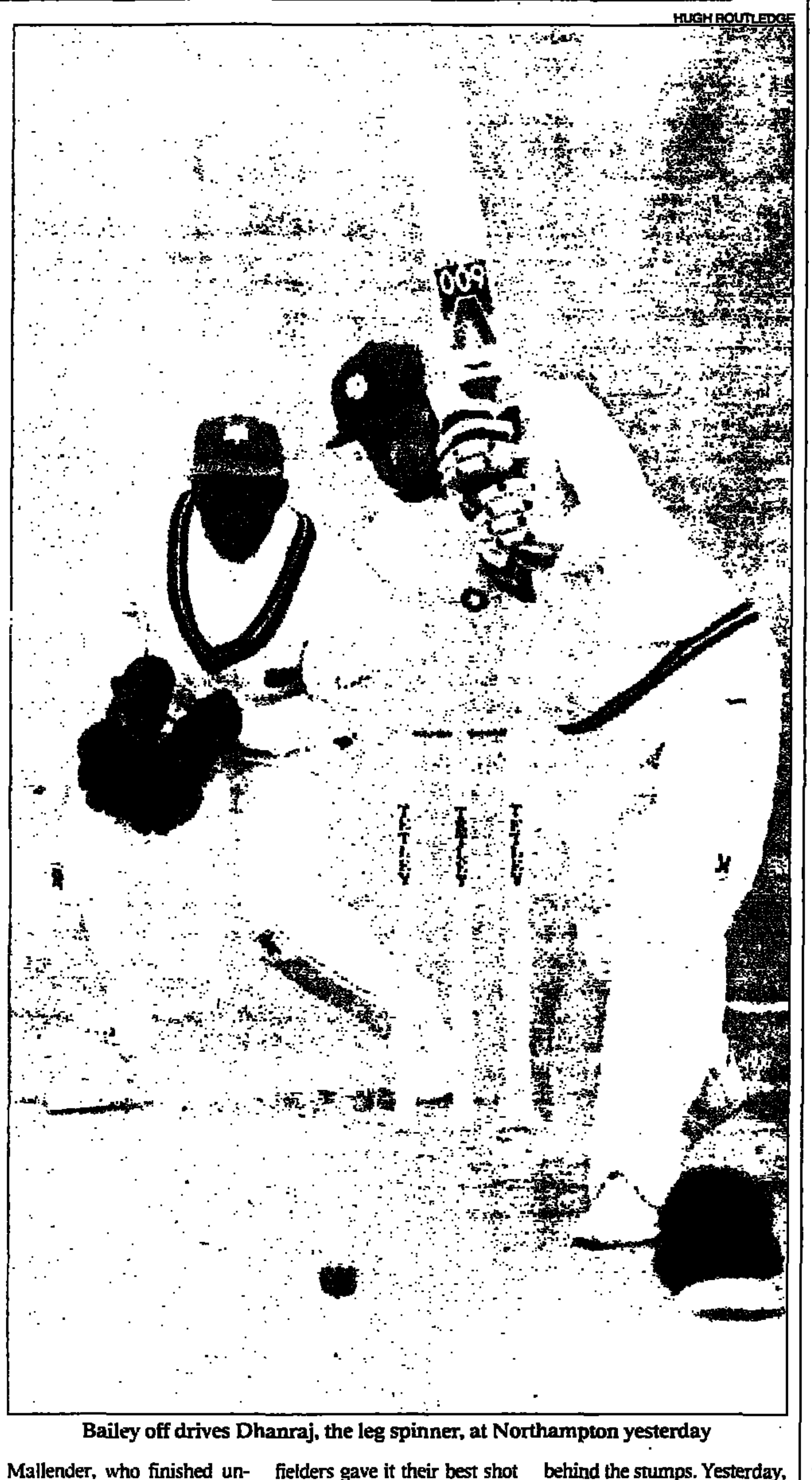
His line — though not his front foot — strayed during a second spell of five overs which cost 25 runs and all he had to show for the day was three separate awards, presented to him during the tea interval, as Northamptonshire's player of the year in 1994.

Fortunately for Northamptonshire, the West Indian attack was made up by Dhanraj, who entered the attack in the 22nd over. His regular loose deliveries eased the path of Penberthy, who batted three hours for 73 (with two sixes and seven fours), and Mallender, who finished unbeaten on 49 with the aid of a variety of squirts wide of the slips and gully.

For a representative West Indian team to field a leg spinner seems like a crime against nature and his figures went some way towards proving it. But Dhanraj and his fielders gave it their best shot with a series of impassioned appeals, the best of them for a catch against Snape by Dhanraj himself after the ball appeared to have taken a deflection off the heel of silly mid-off.

Another concern for the West Indians must be Murray behind the stumps. Yesterday, he missed a straightforward chance from Bailey, then 18, off Walsh. It was reminiscent of the catch Courtney Browne missed off Steve Waugh in Jamaica in April, and the West Indians now know what the consequences of errors like that can be.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE


Bailey off drives Dhanraj, the leg spinner, at Northampton yesterday

Emburey's turn fails to rescue Middlesex

By Michael Henderson

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Middlesex by 24 runs

DERBYSHIRE were comfortable winners yesterday in a game reduced by rain to 31 overs a side. Although Fraser turned in Sunday-best figures of five for 29, Derbyshire made, and easily defended, a total of 152 for nine.

On this pitch, bowler-friendly if not sub-standard, it was a handy score. Feltham's 33 not out in a losing cause was the highest innings of the afternoon. No Derbyshire player made more than Krikken's unbeaten 25 so, in the context of a low-scoring match, Cork, DeFreitas and Dessaur contributed usefully.

It was only when Feltham and Emburey were together, adding 42 for the ninth wicket in six overs, that Derbyshire were troubled. A Middlesex victory was possible until Emburey, heaving at Cork, *struck low to extra cover* where Rollins was the alert catcher.

Aldred finished the game when Fraser lifted him high to Cullinan at long off. It was the bowler's third wicket, two more than either Cork or DeFreitas took, if that means anything. There was one each for Malcolm and Warner, and a run out executed by Cork after DeFreitas had stopped Carr's stinging drive.

Middlesex lost their way badly after Weekes had fallen to Malcolm. Pooley went lbw to Warner's first ball and by the halfway stage Ramprakash and Brown had followed them. Brown, slicing a vast skier, was held at third man after Malcolm successfully undertook a "Golden Shot" operation (up a bit, back a bit, left a bit, right a bit).

Fraser had taken the last five Derbyshire wickets, clean bowling DeFreitas and Rollins, and being well served by his fielders. The innings ended with a spectacular take by Ramprakash at deep square leg.

Emburey had shown his worth when Derbyshire batted. Middlesex were restricted by DeFreitas who bowled his seven overs for 15 and removed Ramprakash and Brown. Derbyshire's ground fielding was sharp and they looked busy. As for Middlesex, this is not really their competition.

AXA Equity & Law League

Glamorgan v Hampshire

CARDIFF (Hampshire won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Hampshire by 113 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James lbw b Udal	87
*H Morris run out	42
M P Maynard not out	58
P A Cottey not out	20
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 13, nb 6)	31
Total (2 wkts, 40 overs)	238

D L Hemp, A Dale, R D B Croft, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-106, 2-181

BOWLING: Bovill 5-0-30-0; James 8-0-47-0; Connor 8-0-53-0; Streak 8-1-31-0; Udal 8-0-38-1; Nicholas 3-0-27-0.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Metson b Lefebvre	4
R S M Morris b Watkin	8
R A Smith c Metson b Watkin	7
G W White c Metson b Lefebvre	0
*M C J Nicholas c Dale b Croft	8
K D James st Metson b Dale	30
†A N Aymes st Metson b Barwick	25
H H Streak not out	24
S D Udal b Dale	1
C A Connor c Metson b Barwick	8
J N B Bovill run out	0
Extras (lb 6, w 4)	10
Total (32.1 overs)	125

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-15, 3-18, 4-20, 5-41, 6-75, 7-104, 8-114, 9-123.

BOWLING: Lefebvre 6-1-17-2; Watkin 6-2-11-2; Barwick 6-0-21-2; Croft 8-0-34-1; Dale 6.1-0-36-2

Umpires: J H Harris and B Leadbeater

Middlesex v Derbyshire

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Middlesex by 24 runs

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Feltham b Emburey	17
D G Cork b Nash	22
D J Cullinan st Brown b Weekes	15
C M Wells c Carr b Emburey	6
P A J DeFreitas b Fraser	23
A S Rollins b Fraser	11
†K M Krikken not out	25
W A Dessaur c Weekes b Fraser	18
A E Warner c Feltham b Fraser	0
D E Malcolm c Ramprakash b Fraser	0
Extras (lb 8, w 3, nb 4)	15
Total (9 wkts, 31 overs)	152

P Aldred did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-47, 3-58, 4-87, 5-92, 6-106, 7-145, 8-147, 9-152.

BOWLING: Fraser 6-0-32-5; Nash 6-0-33-1; *Emburey 7-0-15-2; Johnson 6-0-32-0*, Weekes 6-0-32-1.

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes b Malcolm	17
J C Pooley lbw b Warner	4
M R Ramprakash lbw b DeFreitas	8
†K R Brown c Malcolm b DeFreitas	5
P Farbrace b Aldred	12
*J D Carr b Cork	12
D J Nash run out	2
M A Feltham not out	33
R L Johnson c Warner b Aldred	0
J E Emburey c Rollins b Cork	11
A R C Fraser c Cullinan b Aldred	2
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 7, nb 4)	22
Total (28.4 overs)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-33, 3-37, 4-40, 5-68, 6-73, 7-78, 8-83, 9-125.

BOWLING: Malcolm 6-0-27-1; DeFreitas 7-1-15-2; Warner 5-0-13-1; Aldred 5.4-0-47-3; Cork 5-0-15-2.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R Palmer.

Nottinghamshire v Essex

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 112 runs

ESSEX

M E Waugh c Noon b Mike	89
*P J Prichard c Archer b Wileman	57
N Hussain c Robinson b Mike	33
G A Gooch not out	55
R C Irani run out	5
D D J Robinson not out	8
Extras (lb 6, w 10, nb 4)	20
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	267

R M Pearson, †R J Rollins, S J W Andrew, P M Such and D M Cousins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-126, 2-186, 3-217, 4-242.

BOWLING: Mike 8-0-56-2; Evans 8-0-62-0; Pick 8-0-39-0; Pennett 6-0-44-0; Hindson 5-0-33-0; Wileman 5-0-27-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

M P Dowman b Cousins	0
*R T Robinson c Hussain b Cousins	7
G F Archer run out	14
†W M Noon c Such b Cousins	5
C Banton c Rollins b Andrew	1
J R Wileman not out	42
K P Evans b Such	14
G W Mike c Such b Waugh	0
J E Hindson c Rollins b Such	5
R A Pick not out	58
Extras (lb 2, w 5, nb 2)	9
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	155

D B Pennett did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-18, 3-28, 4-29, 5-29, 6-55, 7-58, 8-71

BOWLING: Cousins 8-1-36-3; Andrew 8-2-26-1; Waugh 8-0-31-1; Such 8-0-20-2; Pearson 6-0-21-0; Robinson 2-0-19-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp

Somerset v Yorkshire

TAUNTON (Yorkshire won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Yorkshire by three wickets

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Turner b Ecclestone	39
M P Vaughan c Mushtaq b Trump	3
M G Bevan run out	80
C White c Bowler b Mushtaq	29
†R J Blakey c Lathwell b Ecclestone	15
B Parker not out	17
D Gough lbw b Hayhurst	1
P J Hartley not out	15
Extras (lb 11, w 2)	13
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	213

R D Stemp, A P Grayson and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-84, 3-135, 4-178, 5-181, 6-197.

BOWLING: Rose 8-0-35-0; Trump 8-0-41-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-1-23-1; Ecclestone 8-0-58-2; Batty 5-1-28-0; Hayhurst 3-0-17-1.

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Bevan b Hartley	19
M E Trescothick lbw b Stemp	21
P D Bowler lbw b Robinson	7
R J Harden b Robinson	42
*A N Hayhurst run out	2
G D Rose not out	60
S C Ecclestone b Hartley	35
†R J Turner b Gough	16
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 2, nb 2)	9
Total (7 wkts, 38.2 overs)	215

J D Batty and H R J Trump did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-50, 3-60, 4-84, 5-120, 6-178, 7-203

BOWLING: Hartley 8-0-45-2; Gough 7-0-36-1; Stemp 8-0-29-1; Robinson 5-0-29-2; Grayson 6-0-33-0; White 3.2-0-25-0; Bevan 1-0-13-0

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

Sussex v Gloucestershire

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by six wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright b Lewry	13
M A Lynch st Moores b Salisbury	58
A Symonds lbw b Jarvis	37
R I Dawson c Lewry b Salisbury	5
M W Alleyne not out	33
G D Hodgson not out	11
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 2)	9
Total (4 wkts, 21 overs)	166

*†R C Russell, J Srinath, M C J Ball, K E Cooper and A M Smith did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-101, 3-115, 4-120

BOWLING: Stephenson 4-0-25-0; Lewry 4-0-21-1; Giddins 5-0-43-0; Jarvis 4-0-36-1; Salisbury 4-0-34-2

SUSSEX

K Greenfield run out	[illegible]
J A North b Srinath	5
F D Stephenson b Srinath	54
*A P Wells not out	70
N J Lenham run out	4
†P Moores not out	24
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 4, nb 2)	10
Total (4 wkts, 19.3 overs)	168

P W Jarvis, I D K Salisbury, J Lewry, E S H Giddins and N C Phillips did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-23, 3-107, 4-120

BOWLING: Srinath 4.3-0-33-2; Smith 3-0-14-0; Cooper 4-0-31-0; Alleyne 4-0-38-0; Ball 4-0-48-0.

Umpires: K J Lyons and N T Plews.

Worcestershire v Surrey

WORCESTER (Surrey won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Surrey by nine wickets

SURREY

D J Bicknell c Rhodes b Haynes	1
A D Brown lbw b Haynes	28
*†A J Stewart c Rhodes b Haynes	1
G P Thorpe c Rhodes b Haynes	15
D M Ward b Parvaz	7
A J Hollioake run out	26
M A Butcher st Rhodes b Illingworth	29
M P Bicknell c Curtis b Lampitt	7
A C S Pigott b Parvaz	8
S G Kenlock b Parvaz	1
C G Rackemann not out	[illegible]
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (39.3 overs)	126

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-11, 3-45, 4-48, 5-55, 6-99, 7-111, 8-120, 9-125

BOWLING: Newport 8-0-20-0; Haynes 8-1-21-4; Lampitt 8-0-28-1; Parvaz Mirza 7.3-0-24-3; Illingworth 8-0-30-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T M Moody not out	73
**T S Curtis lbw b Rackemann*	0
G A Hick not out	51
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	5
Total (1 wkt, 24.4 overs)	129

V S Solanki, G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, P J Newport, Parvaz Mirza and R K Illingworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-1

BOWLING: Rackemann 6-2-8-1; M P Bicknell 6-0-37-0; Pigott 5.4-0-40-0; Kenlock 4-0-18-0; Hollioake 3-0-24-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and D R Shepherd.

No play yesterday

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Kent — match abandoned. Durham: 2pts, Kent 2pts

Other Match

Warwickshire v World XI

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): World XI beat Warwickshire by three runs

REST OF THE WORLD XI

M J Slater c Piper b Donald	19
P V Simmons b Donald	10
W J Cronje c Reeve b N M K Smith	51
S R Waugh c Twose b N M K Smith	52
J N Rhodes run out	19
D C Boon c Knight b Munton	14
A Flower not out	28
*†I A Healy c Penney b P A Smith	9
M D Marshall b N M K Smith	20
S K Warne not out	1
Extras (lb 9, w 3, nb 2)	14
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	235

T B A May did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-33, 3-135, 4-138, 5-170, 6-176, 7-192, 8-233.

BOWLING: Donald 9-0-48-2; Small 8-0-31-0; Munton 8-0-42-1; Reeve 5-0-25-0; P A Smith 10-1-35-1; N M K Smith 10-0-45-3.

WARWICKSHIRE

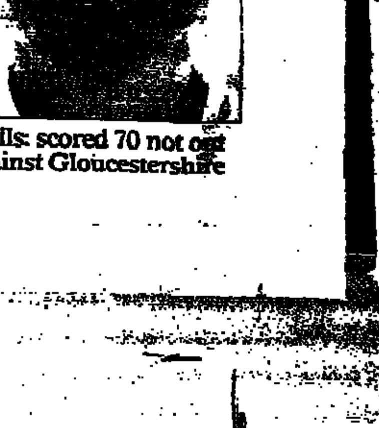
N V Knight c Healy b Marshall	0
N M K Smith c Healy b Simmons	51
D P Ostler c Healy b Simmons	13
P A Smith lbw b Warne	37
R G Twose run out	48
*D A Reeve c Waugh b May	23
T L Penney not out	23
†K J Piper not out	24
Extras (lb 11, w 2)	13
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	232

T A Munton, G C Small and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-45, 3-88, 4-115, 5-181, 6-183.

BOWLING: Marshall 7-1-30-1; Simmons 10-3-31-2; May 10-0-38-1; Cronje 10-0-48-0; Warne 10-1-54-1; Boon 3-0-20-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and B Dudleston


Wells: scored 70 not out against Gloucestershire

Surrey floored by Moody

By Pat Gibson

WORCESTER (Surrey won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Surrey by nine wickets

*IT WAS all over before even*song. An unbroken second-wicket partnership of 128 in 24 overs between Tom Moody and Graeme Hick swept Worcestershire to their eighth victory in nine one-day matches this season and joint leadership of the AXA Equity & Law League.

Moody hit 73 off 85 balls, with two sixes and eight fours, and Hick 51 off 63 balls, with a six and five fours, to make a mockery of Surrey's paltry 126 all out on a pitch that had seemed wholly unsuitable for this kind of cricket.

It was a damp, slow seamer that turned out to be ideally suited to Gavin Haynes, the Worcestershire medium-pacer, who whipped out the top four Surrey batsmen. Stewart and Thorpe, of England, *included*, at a personal cost of 21 to finish with the best figures of his career.

Surrey, who, like Worcestershire, had won their three previous Sunday games, could hardly complain too much since they had chosen to bat on it, but they had reckoned *without Haynes, who has* been a revelation since being pressed into opening the bowling in limited-overs cricket this season because Moody has a bad back.

Haynes has already played a big part in taking Worcestershire to the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup and now he shrugged off the indignity of seeing Brown smash his first ball straight back over his head for six by having both Darren Bicknell and Stewart caught behind with his sixth and ninth balls.

His third wicket, Thorpe, gave Rhodes his 200th victim in Sunday cricket, which was some kind of compensation for losing his England place, before Haynes completed his spell by claiming Brown leg-before.

When Mirza, a young fast-medium bowler who was replacing the injured Radford, bowled Ward, Surrey were in disarray at 55 for five and, though Hollioake and Butcher effected a recovery of sorts, they both self-destructed before it became a serious threat *to Worcestershire.*

Hollioake was daft enough to go for a third run when Hick already had the ball in his hand at deep mid-wicket, and paid the inevitable price, and Butcher attempted something too ambitious against Illingworth and was stumped.

Rackemann, having his first taste of the Sunday game, did raise Surrey's hopes by having Curtis leg-before in his first over, but that only brought together Moody and Hick, and they were irresistible.

They played cautiously enough for a while but when Hollioake let slip a beamer which flew over Moody's head, and no apology was forthcoming, the floodgates opened. The next ball went past Hollioake's head for six at a rather higher velocity and *the last 80 runs came from ten* overs as Moody took his aggregate in four league games this year to 301 at an average of 100.

Essex win in former style

By Ivo Tennant

ESSEX, as even Keith Fletcher has remarked, are not the side they once were. So yesterday, when they achieved the kind of victory *which was once* commonplace in the AXA Equity & Law League, fond memories were stirred. They beat Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge by 112 runs, Mark Waugh, Paul Prichard and Graham Gooch, batting in the middle of the order, all making sizeable scores.

A measure of their dominance was that Nottinghamshire were at one stage 71 for eight in response to a total of 267. That there was any sort of a contest owed much to an unbeaten partnership of 84 between Wileman and Pick. The return to form of Mark Waugh was particularly appreciated by Essex, for he is a much travelled and weary cricketer.

At Cardiff, Glamorgan defeated Hampshire by the crushing margin of 113 runs with numerous overs to spare. James and Morris provided the ideal start, putting on 106 in 21 overs, and there were characteristic contributions from Maynard, who struck an unbeaten 58 from 57 balls, and Cottey. Lefebvre and Watkin, *touted in one or two quarters* for a recall by England, then took the first four Hampshire wickets for 28, including Smith.

There was no coming back from that. Hampshire mustering their lowest total against Glamorgan in this competition. Metson, that most competent of wicketkeepers, took four catches and stumped two other batsmen. All of which *left his side* contemplating an important match next Sunday at Old Trafford against Lancashire. The two counties are at the top of the table.

Kent, who jointly led the table last week, were unable to take the field at Chester-le-Street. There was also rain at the other end of the country, on the Sussex coast, where only an abbreviated match was possible. Gloucestershire managed to score at eight runs an over, but that was not sufficient to contain Sussex. Stephenson and Wells both struck half-centuries.

There was one other match yesterday, involving a strong Rest of the World XI, to celebrate the three trophies that Warwickshire won last year. The World XI, captained by Healy and including Slater and Warne, won by three runs at Edgbaston, not least because of a partnership of 102 in 19 overs between Cronje and Steve Waugh.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	NR	Pts
Lancashire (4)	4	4	0	0	0	16
Glamorgan (7)	5	4	1	0	0	16
Worcs (2)	4	4	0	0	0	16
Kent (3)	5	3	1	0	1	14
Essex (17)	4	3	1	0	0	12
Leics (10)	4	3	1	0	0	12
Surrey (6)	4	3	1	0	0	12
Yorkshire (5)	5	2	2	0	1	10
Somerset (16)	4	2	2	0	0	8
Sussex (15)	5	2	3	0	0	8
Derbyshire (8)	4	2	2	0	0	8
Durham (9)	5	1	3	0	1	6
Notts (11)	4	1	3	0	0	4
Gloucs (18)	4	1	3	0	0	4
Warwicks (1)	4	1	3	0	0	4
Middlesex (14)	5	1	4	0	0	4
Northants (13)	4	0	3	0	1	2
Hampshire (12)	4	0	4	0	0	0

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Northamptonshire revelling in positive approach to set county championship pace

Lamb laps up chance to lead from the front

Simon Wilde on a captain keen to confront the problems of his team's underachievement

Allan Lamb always plays with a straight bat, metaphorically if not physically. Whether he has to stand up to a menacing fast bowler, defend himself in the High Court or criticise a fellow cricketer for not pulling his weight, he never flinches from his task. He takes all his knocks on the chin, too.

Now, his bluff approach is being brought to bear on Northamptonshire's first-team affairs, which he is running single-handed for the first time since he finished playing for England in 1992 and gave himself full-time to the county. Phil Neale's departure for Warwickshire in March was not planned, but it suited Lamb, who felt that the presence of a manager was an encumbrance to his captaincy style.

He is doing a good job of showing it. Almost one-third of the way through the campaign, Northamptonshire, who have never won the county championship, are top of the Britannic Assurance table and Lamb, although he will be 41 later this month, is clattering the bowling as well as he ever did, despite suffering first from a hand injury, and now from a torn hamstring.

"We did not really need Phil," Lamb said as his team prepared for the match with the West Indians this weekend. "He was there to help players with their technique and mental approach," — not areas that have much troubled Lamb personally — "but I always ran the playing side of things. I took on to the field the sides I wanted. We have several experienced players now and I feel that I can run things myself."

Only a few minutes earlier, Lamb's leadership technique had been on display in the nets. Lamb was telling Kevin Curran that he had batted well this season but was contributing little with the ball. Curran was saying he had trouble with his back.

For ten minutes, South African and Zimbabwean waved arms at each other in the manner of disputatious Italian car-drivers. "If that's his attitude," the captain was overheard to remark afterwards, "I'm not going to play him." And he did not.

Lamb then retired to the physiotherapist's table for treatment on his thigh, which prevented him, too, from playing against the touring team, and reflected on Northamptonshire's recent reputation for underachieving. In the past 14 years they have won only the NatWest Trophy, under Lamb in 1992.

"When I was captain and often away playing for England, some of the players needed some leadership to push them along," he said, recalling a time when he himself had favoured the presence of a manager. "We were too relaxed. One of the problems with English players is that they are not arrogant enough. They are afraid to show who's boss out there. We have now got this attitude at Northampton; we believe we can win all the time. And for once we have got off to a good start this year."

Before the season began, Lamb gave himself and each of his players stiff personal targets for runs and wickets. If they get anywhere near them, the team will be sure to have had a good season. Lamb's own aim is to score 1,700 championship runs, and it is one he is on course to accomplish as long as his injured hamstring does not restrict his appearances.

"The older I get, the harder it is to get over the injuries," he grunted from the treatment table, "but my weight is as low as it has been for a long time."

The physiotherapist appeared to be trying to push his elbow into Lamb's damaged thigh. Lamb has been pummelled like this for years, but not for many more. He retires next year, after a testimonial season played out under another captain, so if he is to lead his side to championship glory, it is now or never. If it does happen — and the team has finished in the top five in each of the last three years — much of the credit will be Lamb's for choosing Anil Kumble, the India Test player, as overseas player in succession to Curtly Ambrose.

"He has been a major success," Lamb said. "When he was signed, people said it was ridiculous going for a leg spinner, but he does not need pitches to be in his favour. He bowls quickly, with lots of top-spinners and googlies, and turns the ball away from the bat.

"He also has a fantastic attitude. He always wants the ball — he has already bowled 289 overs in the championship — and can tie up one end while I rotate the seamers at the other." Kumble was given a target of 100 championship wickets by Lamb, and has 31 already.

Another outstanding and unexpected success has been David Capel, who is determined to prove that he is not too old at 32 to return after two injury-ravaged years.

Lamb expects Lancashire and Warwickshire to stay the distance with Northamptonshire and, keen gambler though he is, he is not betting on the outcome. What his team has in its favour is depth of resources and the likelihood that none of its players will be lost to England.

Lamb's dressing-room is as strong and unified as it has been for years. It remains, one suspects, a place for men rather than boys, but Lamb is looking forward to handing over his place to the likes of Malachy Loye, who languishes in the second XI, and the prodigious David Sales — and giving those tired old legs a well-earned rest.

Lamb's qualities as batsman and captain could help to bring the title to the County Ground for the first time. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Flying Finn Kytolehto dominates Scottish at first attempt

By a Correspondent

JARMO KYTOLEHTO, of Finland, driving a Vauxhall Astra, won the third round of the Mobil 1/*Top Gear* British rally championship, the Perth Scottish rally, after an incident-packed final day yesterday.

The 33-year-old, in the competition for the first time, completed the 19 stages 3min 90sec ahead of Gregoire de Mevius, of Belgium, who recovered from losing three minutes with electrical problems on Saturday to bring his Nissan Sunny home second. Alain Oreille, of France, just failed to snatch second place after recording the fastest time around the final stage at the Knockhill racing circuit, but his third place takes the Renault Clio driver into the championship lead.

The six stages in the Scottish Borders on Saturday had set up a final-day confrontation. De Mevius seemingly lost all hope of victory on the first stage when he dropped three minutes with a repeat of the electrical problem that had sidelined his team-mate and the crowd favourite, Alister McRae, on the first stage of the rally.

That left the flying Finns, Kytolehto and Tapio Laukkanen, to trade fastest times, Laukkanen entering the rest halt at Dumfries with an eight-second overnight lead.

The drama began early for the 61 crews that restarted. Tapio Laukkanen hit a rock on stage 11, the first of the day, bent the steering of his VW Golf and lost the lead. On stage 13 he slid off into a ditch and rolled into retirement.

His VW team-mate, Dom Buckley, of Kelso, also had problems on the first stage, damaging the side of his car and losing a door.

Three stages later, Buckley went off again, dropping ten minutes and losing his hard-earned third place.

The most bizarre incident of the morning befell Malcolm Wilson, in his Ford Escort Cosworth. Rounding a fast corner near the end of stage 13, he found a closed gate across the road.

The gate had been open when rally safety officials had driven through the stage minutes earlier. Wilson swerved into a ditch to avoid the gate and damaged the radiator. He retired on the next stage with a blown head gasket.

Martin Rowe, theManx man, also retired on stage 13 and rolled out of fourth place. Kytolehto's victory and de Mevius's place as runner-up moved them into joint second in the championship with two rounds remaining.

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Inconsistent Hampshire a microcosm of English game

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

TO LOOK upon Hampshire is to see simultaneously all that is good and bad about modern county cricket. There is a charm and friendliness about the club, its modest size positively offset by grand plans for a futuristic, £15 million new base by the turn of the century. Yet where it matters, on the field, Hampshire show all the frailties and insecurities that beset the English game.

Their playing staff is too big, containing too many cricketers who fall into the categories of never-were or never-will-be good enough. And their cricket significantly mirrors that of the present England side — capable of occasional heights and rapid regression to familiar troughs. It is the English malaise of inconsistency taken to extremes in their bizarre start to this season.

A fortnight ago, Hampshire had managed only two victories in all cricket. One was more a humiliation than a triumph, beating the Combined Universities because they had lost eight wickets as opposed to nine when the scores finished level. The other was a sound thrashing of the West Indies. Explanations on a postcard please . . .

Hampshire lost their first three games in the championship but, suddenly, they have turned the form around and won two in succession. Moreover, they have won both inside three days, which heightens the bewilderment of it all because their three losses were also registered with a day to spare. We are into June, and Hampshire have played no cricket on a Monday.

Confidence, of course, has a large part to play in all this and a team that, until recently, was mutely expecting defeat is now in a better frame of mind. Heath Streak, the Zimbabwean farmer with an enviable Test record, has begun to locate an English line and rhythm for his bowling and Jim Bovill, one of the country's most promising seam bowlers, is responding to him. Robin Smith, too, is starting to play with conviction again, as the England selectors have been quick to notice.

Smith finished off Glamorgan on Saturday, clubbing a brisk undefeated 30 to complete an eight-wicket victory. Glamorgan, having won their first two games, have failed to win any of their next four, their own self-confidence suffering as Hampshire's flourishes.

None of the top four counties is playing in the present round of matches, and it is a good one to sit out. Other than at Cardiff, only Taunton was permitted substantial play on a rainswept Saturday and, even there, Yorkshire must approach the final day with rare enterprise if they are to secure the win they need to stay in the leaders' slipstream.

Yorkshire's attack was neutered by a third century of the season from Richard Harden, one of the worthier products of the county system. Include a question about Harden in a pub quiz and there would be a minority who had heard of him and fewer still who would have any idea that his career average hovers around 40, the benchmark of the good player. With neither Lathwell nor Trescothick firing consistently, Somerset have depended upon him this summer as much as their bowling has depended on Mushtaq Ahmed, who will today play a crucial role as Yorkshire try to extend their overnight lead of 94.

Elsewhere, Derbyshire and Worcestershire remain well placed for victories, despite the complete loss of the third day, and Sussex, having declared 280 runs ahead of Gloucestershire, may well maintain their 100 per cent record at Hove.

Essex will doubtless be set a stiff fourth-innings target by Tim Robinson, of Nottinghamshire, and the only route to a result at Chester-le-Street, which has seen the equivalent of less than one day's play in three, is by forfeitures.

Spin doctor tends an ailing art of bowling

Pat Gibson talks to the Australian based in England whose coaching clinics have created county interest

Spin doctors are not exclusive to politics. There is one practising widely in English cricket. Many counties have consulted him and two, Surrey and Yorkshire, have him on regular call to treat a long-standing malaise.

Peter Philpott, who played for Australia eight times in 1965 and 1966 as a leg spinner, first became worried about the decline in spin bowling in the Seventies. Lillee and Thomson had captured the public imagination and Australian cricket was being dominated by pace or, failing that, containment.

Philpott's answer was to set up spin clinics all around the country, first unofficially, then with the blessing of the Australian board in a scheme called "spin Australia". His efforts came to full fruition in England in 1993 when Shane Warne and Tim May played a huge role in Australia's 4-1 Ashes triumph.

Around the same time, Philpott was finishing a three-year contract with South Australia and, invited to England by Mike Gatting, he finished up at Rossall School in Lancashire, teaching history, coaching rugby and, most significantly, looking after the cricket. Liam Botham, son of Ian, was one of his pupils.

Within a fortnight, Micky Stewart, National Cricket Association director of coaching, who was painfully aware of the results Philpott had achieved, had asked him to speak at a coaching seminar — and his work snowballed from there. Yorkshire were the first to offer him a more permanent role, Surrey quickly followed. He splits his holidays between the counties.

Saturday found him at Worcester, where Surrey's latest championship match provided a perfect example of what he is up against. But for the rain, it could have been over inside three days on a pitch that only Graeme Hick has tamed with one of the most awesome innings of his career.

"Such wickets have been typical of the season," Philpott said. "You don't mind if the ball is moving laterally because of swing or spin but when the bounce is uneven and it is going up and down, it is difficult. You don't need spinners because medium-pacers just have to bowl straight and wait for the wicket to do the work. The problem is that on Test wickets, bowlers like that haven't got what it takes to get good batsmen out.

"I think there is a renewed interest in spin bowling in England, probably because Warne and May came over here as wonderful examples of spinners who really give the ball a flick and a rip. This is what a lot of counties are looking for in four-day cricket but they don't appear magically from nowhere and we've got to find ways of developing them.

"The answer must be that wherever cricket is played we have to encourage spinners to be more involved. There have got to be people who are more interested in the development of players and long-term development of cricket than in short-term success."

Yesterday, Philpott approved of the surprise selection of Richard Illingworth, the Worcestershire spinner who has been playing in the match against Surrey, for the first Test. "I think Richard has suffered from having a reputation for just being a flat, negative, one-day bowler and I don't think that's fair," Philpott said.

"He was having to bowl in one-day and three-day cricket when a lot of the spin work was negative but from what I have seen, in four-day cricket he is a different bowler. He is prepared to flight the ball, he is turning it and he is very accurate. Among the spinners, he is right at the top."

CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Hampshire

CARDIFF (third day of four): Hampshire (23pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by eight wickets

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 324 (M C J Nicholas 75, J P Stephenson 65; H A G Anthony 5 for 77)

Second Innings

R S M Morris c Metson b Watkin	4
V P Terry b Watkin	3
J P Stephenson not out	14
R A Smith not out	30
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (2 wkts)	55

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-17.

BOWLING: Watkin 5-0-14-2; Anthony 3-0-17-0; Thomas 3-1-8-0; Dale 1.5-0-16-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 174

Second Innings

A Dale c Aymes b Udal	12
*H Morris c Aymes b Connor	23
D L Hemp c Stephenson b Bovill	34
M P Maynard lbw b Connor	5
P A Cottey c Morris b Streak	62
R D B Croft c Morris b Stephenson	20
S D Thomas c Udal b Stephenson	7
N M Kendrick c Terry b Udal	17
H A G Anthony c Connor b Streak	3
†C P Metson not out	0
S L Watkin c Terry b Streak	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 14)	21
Total	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-48, 3-58, 4-86, 5-110, 6-140, 7-192, 8-204, 9-204.

BOWLING: Streak 14.1-4-41-3; Connor 17-4-65-2; Udal 21-8-41-2; Bovill 10-4-24-1; Stephenson 12-5-27-2.

Umpires: J H Harris and B Leadbeater.

Nottinghamshire v Essex

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 127 runs ahead of Essex

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 314 (R T Robinson 101, W M Noon 63 not out, C L Cairns 50; J H Childs 4 for 74)

Second Innings

M P Dowman not out	56
*R T Robinson lbw b Such	48
G F Archer not out	6
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (1 wkt)	114

FALL OF WICKET: 1-103.

BOWLING: Waugh 7-1-20-0; Cousins 2-0-11-0; Childs 18-2-55-0, Such 14-4-26-1.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch c Evans b Hindson	45
D D J Robinson c Dowman b Cairns	8
M E Waugh c Hindson b Cairns	7
N Hussain c Evans b Hindson	32
*P J Prichard c Banton b Hindson	109
R C Irani lbw b Afford	35
J J B Lewis lbw b Pick	1
†R J Rollins c Cairns b Pick	18
P M Such c Pick b Hindson	1
D M Cousins not out	17
J H Childs c Cairns b Hindson	18
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 4)	11
Total (99.1 overs)	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-33, 3-77, 4-116, 5-198, 6-201, 7-237, 8-238, 9-289.

BOWLING: Hindson 31.1-4-92-5; Pick 20-4-64-2; Cairns 11-1-40-2; Afford 17-5-52-1; Evans 20-7-46-0.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 7 Essex 7

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp.

Somerset v Yorkshire

TAUNTON (third day of four): Yorkshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 94 runs ahead of Somerset.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 413 (A McGrath 84, D Byas 66; Mushtaq Ahmed 5 for 126)

Second Innings

A McGrath b Mushtaq	18
M P Vaughan b Batty	10
R D Stemp not out	0
*D Byas not out	0
Extras (b 4)	4
Total (2 wkts)	32

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-32.

BOWLING: Kerr 2-0-4-0; Ecclestone 3-0-10-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 4-1-11-1; Batty 3-2-3-1.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Bevan b Hartley	61
M E Trescothick c Blakey b Stemp	28
P D Bowler c Blakey b Vaughan	48
R J Harden not out	129
*A N Hayhurst c Hartley b Stemp	6
S C Ecclestone lbw b Robinson	44
†R J Turner not out	19
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 6)	16
Total (5 wkts dec, 104.3 overs)	351

J D Batty, Mushtaq Ahmed, J I D Kerr and H R J Trump did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-116, 3-161, 4-160, 5-273.

BOWLING: Gough 18.3-5-72-0; Hartley 12-3-49-1; Robinson 18-5-57-1; Stemp 27-7-77-2; Vaughan 17-4-52-1; Grayson 8-4-5-0; Bevan 3-1-5-0; White 5-0-25-0.

Bonus points: Somerset 6 Yorkshire 4

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

Sussex v Gloucestershire

HOVE (third day of four): Gloucestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 260 runs behind Sussex

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 202 (A Symonds 83; J Lewry 6 for 45)

Second Innings

A J Wright not out	6
G D Hodgson not out	10
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (no wkt)	20

BOWLING: Giddins 3-2-2-0; Lewry 1-0-2-0; Salisbury 5-2-6-0; Phillips 3-0-8-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings 482 for 7 dec (C W J Athey 163 not out, F D Stephenson 106, I D K Salisbury 74, N C Phillips 50 not out)

Bonus points: Sussex 8 Gloucestershire 3

Umpires: K J Lyons and N T Plews.

No play

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Kent 272-9 (P A de Silva 83) v Durham.

LORD'S: Derbyshire 267 (C M Wells 81, A S Rollins 61, A R C Fraser 4 for 39) and 83-1; Middlesex 174 (J C Pooley 85 not out).

WORCESTER: Worcestershire 204 (J E Benjamin 4 for 47, C G Rackemann 4 for 56) and 178-3 (G A Hick 120); Surrey 183 (A D Brown 58).

Tetley Bitter Challenge

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v West Indians

Other match

THE PARKS: Oxford University 320 for 9 dec (C M Gupte 97, W S Kendall 94; A Shenyar 5 for 61) v Leicestershire.

THE TIMES

Win a VIP trip to the Open, worth £2,000

Nick Price: winner of 1994 Open trophy at Troon, Scotland

Today, *The Times* and Schweppes, the official soft drink supplier to the Open, are offering readers the chance to win a VIP trip to St Andrews to watch the golf in style from a prime position.

The winner and his or her partner will travel by first class rail on Thursday, July 20 to Scotland, where they will be staying in the Stakis Dundee Hotel for two nights, enjoying dinner and a full Scottish breakfast each morning. On Friday, you will be given free course entry passes, a programme and Grandstand tickets by the 18th green.

Our winner will also be invited to spend the day in the exclusive Schweppes hospitality area on the 18th fairway enjoying morning coffee, a three course lunch with drinks and afternoon tea, whilst catching the action from the Pavilion's viewing balcony.

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The winner will be selected at random from all correct entries received after the closing date and notified by post. The next 20 entries drawn at random will receive a Schweppes golf umbrella.

Normal Times Newspapers competition rules apply.

QUESTIONS

1. By what name is the Open championship trophy referred to?

2. Name the famous bridge on the 18th fairway at St Andrews?

Sparse Wembley crowd witnesses abject performance against enterprising Japan

England achieve little with hollow victory

England 2
Japan 1

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

Hashiratani, whose accomplished performance for Japan was marred by his late dismissal for handball, slides in to halt Anderton. Photograph: Marc Aspland

IF NATURAL justice had prevailed at a wet Wembley on Saturday, the Englishmen would have slipped embarrassingly from their presumption to superiority. Japan came to England for the first time, they lost to a deflected goal and a late penalty, they scored the cleanest goal of the afternoon and they hit a post with Tim Flowers beaten.

So much for the patronising attitude that, of all people, Gary Lineker had shown in the build-up to this first match of the Umbro Cup. He, who should know more about Japanese football than most, having spent two lucrative years in the J-League and being a paid ambassador for Japan's 2002 World Cup bid, had said the visitors would accept a three or four-goal defeat.

He now knows well that his words were as hollow as two-thirds of the stadium, where a crowd of 21,142 huddled in the rain. It is fatuous to claim, as Terry Venables, the England coach, sought to do, that this was a patchwork England side, thrown together in the absence of 14 players who might have had prior call to his intended rehearsal for the 1996 European championship. For the visitors, too, had other priorities. Some of their finest talents had been left at home, preparing for the Olympic qualifying games that, in the short term, mean much more to their rise in international football.

From the first moments it was clear that England's front two, assumed to have a market value of £18 million, would be ill-served against a defence astutely marshalled by Tetsuji Hashiratani, a sweeper whose technique is at least equal to any defender in the English game. He was to give away the 88th-minute penalty and to suffer the indignity of becoming the fourth player in an international to be shown the red card at Wembley. The card was indisputable given the diktat of Fifa, the sport's world governing body, regarding deliberate handball, but after his fine performance it was a soulless end.

As early as the ninth minute Hashiratani was to educate Stan Collymore in the ways of international football. Collymore, as eager as a puppy, had turned to use his pace and his directness on the left flank. He does it all the time, with great, rumbling, menacing effect in English football: but he was unsuspecting of the fact that foreign teams usually deploy a spare defender, and so, despite surprising his marker, Tasaka, Hashiratani nimbly and quickly came across and stole the ball. Bewilderment registered on Collymore's features.

He was later to miscue woefully a heading opportunity created by Beardsley. Shearer was denied by the quick reflexes and brave blocking tactic of the impressive goalkeeper, Maekawa, and then the supply to the two coveted forwards shrivelled up as England's wretched inability to pass the ball became apparent to the Japanese.

While Venables continues to indulge a half-fit Gascoigne, to bring him on for 20 minutes at the end and to release him to fly to Glasgow in open mockery of the coach's statement that all players had to forsake transfer negotiations while the tournament was on, one must wonder again how Matthew Le Tissier is not even afforded an explanation as to why his talent is surplus to requirements.

Le Tissier, indolent at times, can at least find the right coloured shirt over a range of 40 yards and more. Batty managed unerringly to pass to players scurrying around in blue. Nevertheless, that dreaded presumption rose again moments after half-time when Anderton and Shearer exposed naivety in the Japanese ranks. They exchanged a one-two, with Shearer toying with the ball and slipping it through the legs of Tasaka, before Anderton ran at the remaining defence. His left-foot shot defeated Maekawa principally because it struck Ihara and took a wrong-footing course.

Unlike some of his colleagues, Ihara is not fresh out of university. He knows the game, he is a student of English football via television, and is aware of the reputation of British teams for at least getting dead-ball situations right.

He therefore took delight in equalising with a simple header from a corner. It had been conceded in the first place by David Unsworth's abject inability to control a moving ball when under no pressure. How strange: throughout the season, and particularly in the FA Cup Final, Unsworth had looked a potential England player. His qualities are bull-like, brave and strong and alert to on-rushing forwards. Now, among those who play with surprise and technique, he was groping, and he was half-asleep when Ihara stole in to head in the corner from Kaziu Miura.

England, of course, had an answer. It was to call on the court jester, the bleach-blond Gascoigne, the inspiration in waiting. To be fair, even without getting to the pace of the game, his obvious quality in passing the ball was a beacon, and it did have something to do with England's late rally. But after Platt had headed forward from Pearce's slanted cross, after Maekawa had palmed the ball onto the woodwork, it was Scales, the most comfortable of the new caps, who drove the ball back towards goal, inducing the instinctive handball from Hashiratani. The penalty was emphatically banged away by Platt, but England will need to improve by leaps and bounds if they are to cope with Sweden, never mind the world champions, Brazil.

ENGLAND (4-4-2): T Flowers (Blackburn Rovers) — G Neville (Manchester United), J Scales (Liverpool), D Unsworth (Everton), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest) — D Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur), D Platt (Sampdoria), D Batty (Blackburn Rovers, sub: P Gascoigne, Lazio, 68min), P Beardsley (Newcastle United, sub: S McManaman, Liverpool, 69) — A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), S Collymore (Nottingham Forest; sub: E Sheringham, Tottenham Hotspur, 76).

JAPAN (3-5-2): K Maekawa (SF Hiroshima) — K Tasaka (Bellmare Hiratsuka), T Hashiratani (Verdy Kawasaki), M Ihara (Yokohama Marinos) — A Narahashi (V Kawasaki), H Morishima (Cerezo Osaka, sub: M Fukuda, Urawa Red Diamonds, 80), M Yamaguchi (Yokohama Flugels), T Kitazawa (V Kawasaki), N Soma (Jubilo Iwata, sub: H Yanagimoto, SF Hiroshima, 74) — K Miura (Genoa), M Nakayama (Jubilo Iwata, sub: H Kurosaki, Urawa Red Diamonds, 66).

Referee: J Uilenberg (Holland).

Gascoigne runs neat rings round doubters in Glasgow

By Kevin McCarra

ON SATURDAY night in Glasgow, the onslaught of the Paul Gascoigne phenomenon turned out to be a charm offensive. After his appearance as a substitute in England's victory over Japan at Wembley, he flew north and contentedly posed for photos at the airport. Over a weekend in the city, the player chatted amiably about his decision to sign for Rangers. The England international will formally complete the £4.3 million move from Lazio in early July.

David Murray, the Rangers chairman, said that the small delay was due to "personal reasons" but Gascoigne made it abundantly clear that the three-year deal will go ahead. Referring to his initial meeting with Walter Smith, the club's manager, in Rome at the beginning of last month, Gascoigne said: "It took me about three minutes to decide to join Rangers."

Elaborate theories suggested he had been persuaded to relocate to Scotland by former England team-mates, such as Trevor Steven and Terry Butcher, who had preceded him at Ibrox. Gascoigne would have none of it. "Rangers are a massive club," he said simply. "I was only too pleased when they came in for me."

In a curious piece of role reversal, Gascoigne played the part of a Scottish nationalist at a press conference while the locals spoke sceptically about standards in their homeland. "You've got to promote Scotland," he gently chided the audience. "If you keep on saying it's no good, nobody will come here."

On a personal level, he said: "What is important is that I enjoy my football and play with guys who can perform. We all know what Rangers can do." The club's domination may explain its allure for Gascoigne, 28, who has only one FA Cup-winners' medal to show for his years in the game.

"I want to help Rangers win the European Cup and make it eight championships in a row," he announced. Rangers are also expected to sign Florin Raducioiu, the Romania forward, from Español for £2.5 million as they regroup.

Gascoigne was asked where in Scotland he might find sufficient seclusion to live. Having spent the night at the opulent Cameron House Hotel on Loch Lomond, Gascoigne jokingly suggested building a house "in the middle of that lake". A Scottish journalist mildly corrected him: "We call it a loch." Murray intervened: "It's a lake if Paul says it's a lake." Time will tell whether Scottish football, too, bows to Gascoigne's will.

☐ Warren Barton, 26, is expected to complete his £4.5 million move to Newcastle United from Wimbledon, making him Britain's costliest defender, today.

Edmundo's strike fails to reflect Brazilian superiority

Brazil 1
Sweden 0

By Rob Hughes

SCORELINES often lie, but this one fails, as possibly any score could do, to reflect the joy and inventionby which Brazil toyed not only with the ball but with their opponents. After Wembley, this second Umbro Cup match, at Villa Park yesterday, treated 20,131 spectators to *jojo bonito*, the full measure of pretty football which is in the soul of Brazilians.

They so utterly mesmerised Sweden, including seven of the team who were third in the World Cup less than a year ago, that, had this been a boxing match, it would have been declared no contest long before half time.

Much of it stemmed from a flyweight, Juninho of São Paulo. At 22 and therefore something of a late developer, he has the build, and some of the expression in his movement and his enthusiasm for the ball, of Gordon Strachan. With his speed of thought and movement, he turned the yellow-shirted Swedes into something they are not.

He made them appear incompetents, waltzing between them to such telling effect that, before the end, the phlegmatic Scandinavians were riled to violence. Though Juninho wears No 10, the shirt down the years of Pele, Zico and Rai, he is the playmaker of the new Brazil.

There are other emerging talents. In defence, Ronaldao, already a mighty centre back, a figure apparently hewn out of ebony, has become, surely too early in life, one of the migrant Brazilians employed in the Japanese J League. Mighty in physique, and yet as capable as any Brazilian of suddenly striding out of defence and releasing a ball with Gascoigne-like precision.

Then there is Roberto Carlos, nominally a left back, a marauding counter-attacker whose ability to use the ball and to run at defenders would not disgrace a winger.

So many Brazilian skills, unfamiliar to those who saw the World Cup just 12 months ago, but already components in a side that has extended their unbeaten streak to 19 matches. Add to them, Ronaldo, the 18-year-old for whom everyone from Brazil's head of state down clamoured to get onto the world's stage. He is tall, sometimes slightly uncoordinated in movement, so heavy are his thighs, and yet he leads the line of attack with prescient ability. He will surely score in this tournament, as he has done 30 times in his first season for PSV Eindhoven.

Yet it all boiled down to a single goal, just before half-time. Dunga and Jorginho, the two experienced men, began the move at the back. Zinho then released the ball into the inside-left channel and, after that, the understanding of a partnership schooled with Palmeiras took over. Roberto Carlos glided forward, held the ball a fraction and found his club-mate, the lurking Edmundo, who, with the most nonchalant of side-foot shots, put the ball into the net.

The Swedes mustered two shots of note, both from Dahlin, which stretched Zetti. It was Dahlin, too, whose temper snapped. Teased, as were all the rest, he came in with a spiteful tackle from behind which put Cesar Sampaio of the match. For that, a yellow card, the same colour which Aldair received for his challenge on Dahlin. But we should not end on a sour note, for this was samba football, created in blustery conditions on an English ground.

BRAZIL (4-3-1-2): Zetti (São Paulo) — Jorginho (Kashima Antlers), Aldair (Roma), Ronaldao (Shimizu S-Pulse), Roberto Carlos (Palmeiras). Dunga (Stuttgart), Cesar Sampaio (Yokohama Flugels, sub: A Cruz, Napoli 77min), Zinhio (Yokohama Flugels), Juninho (São Paulo). Edmundo (Palmeiras), Ronaldo (PSV Eindhoven)

SWEDEN (4-4-2): B Andersson (Orgryte): P Kamark (IFK Gothenberg), T Lucic (Vastra), J Bjorklund (IFK Gothenberg), R Ljung (MSV Duisburg). N Alexandersson (Halmstads), J Thern (Roma, sub: N Gudmundsson, Halmstads, 46), H Mild (Servette), M Erlingmark (IFK Gothenberg): M Dahlin (Borussia Mönchengladbach: sub: D Lidman, AIK, 78), K Andersson (Caen, sub: H Larsson, Feyenoord, 67).

Referee: D Jol (Holland)

Trio carry England World Cup hopes in Sweden

Alyson Rudd assesses England's hopes in women's football World Cup which starts today

As the women's World Cup opens in Sweden today, it is tempting, if unfair, to compare international male and female football teams. Not fair to the men, that is. England's women have qualified for their World Cup. England's men did not qualify for USA '94. Norway's women are among the favourites to win the World Cup, whereas their male counterparts were not — but then more women than men play football in Norway.

The United States, defending their title, are taken more seriously in America, where there are four million registered women footballers.

There is no doubt women football players can hold their heads high in male company, but female football in England has been slow to generate interest.

Up to 20,000 spectators can be found at an Italian female football match — divide that figure by 1,000 to discover the average gate for a women's game in England.

The Football Association is hoping that England's presence in Sweden this month will help to boost the popularity of the sport, one of the fastest-growing in the country, with the number of registered players doubling to almost 16,000 over the past five years. The FA was particularly keen for England's women to be on television and the BBC will screen highlights of England's three group matches. Tomorrow night John Motson will, on *International Match of the Day*, commentate on England against Canada.

This is, indeed, progress. But there is a danger that those desperate to improve the image and popularity of the women's game are expecting too much from this World Cup. England qualified for Sweden after reaching the semi-finals of the European championship, an impressive achievement in itself. However, the chances of England progressing as far as the semi-final stage are modest.

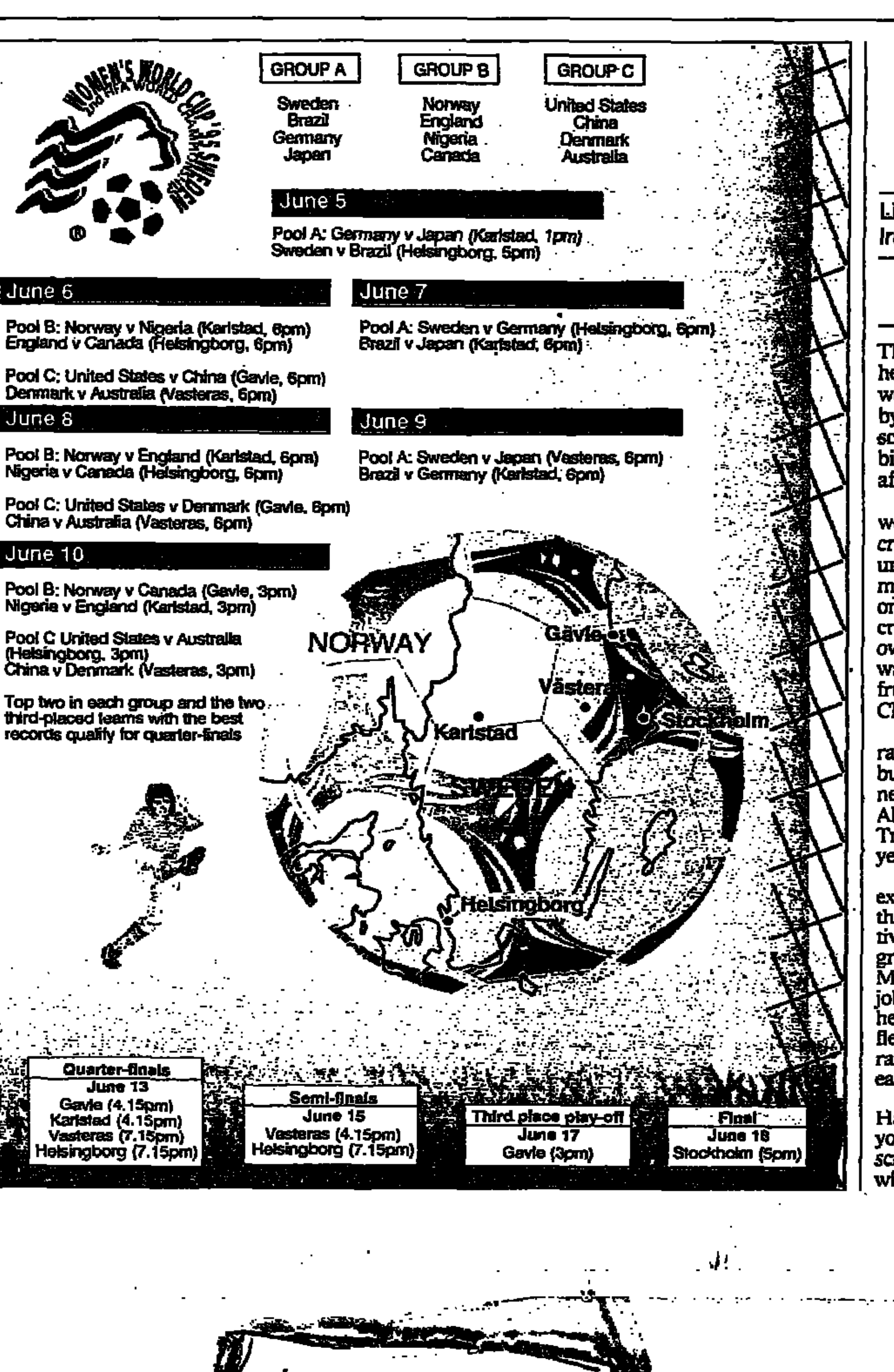
Ted Copeland, the England manager, has taken relatively young and inexperienced players to Sweden in an attempt to counter the 30-something look of recent England lineups. Having been criticised in some quarters for failing to keep tabs on our emerging, young talent, this is a reasonably radical move by Copeland, although whether the eve of England's most important tournament is the time to experiment is debatable.

There is the added problem that England lack an obvious identity. They are not the flair side of the World Cup. Neither are they particularly disciplined, defensive or physical. Copeland has concentrated on making the women operate as a unit but they sometimes shift into automatic, varying their individuality too deeply.

There are three players who will have to play well if England are to pass the quarter-final stage. Karen Burke was mesmeric during this year's women's FA Cup final. She was undoubtedly Liverpool Ladies best player and scored two outrageous, splendid goals. The reason she collected the runners-up medal was due to Marianna Stacey, the Arsenal midfield player, called the Matthew Le Tissier of women's football by her manager: almost worse than anonymous for much of the match and then, suddenly, making the runs, the passes, the goals that turn games upside down.

Gillian Coultard operates in midfield with panache. She has, however, recently been stripped of the England captaincy, having rowed with Copeland. They will have to put their disagreements behind for England's sake.

The draw has been kind to England: they should be able to beat Nigeria and Canada, if not Norway, and they have avoided Germany, who beat them in the European championship semi-final, Sweden and the United States.



GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
Sweden	Norway	United States
Brazil	England	China
Germany	Nigeria	Denmark
Japan	Canada	Australia

June 5

Pool A: Germany v Japan (Karlstad, 1pm)
Sweden v Brazil (Helsingborg, 5pm)

June 6

Pool B: Norway v Nigeria (Karlstad, 6pm)
England v Canada (Helsingborg, 6pm)

Pool C: United States v China (Gavle, 6pm)
Denmark v Australia (Vasteras, 6pm)

June 7

Pool A: Sweden v Germany (Helsingborg, 6pm)
Brazil v Japan (Karlstad, 6pm)

June 8

Pool B: Norway v England (Karlstad, 6pm)
Nigeria v Canada (Helsingborg, 6pm)

Pool C: United States v Denmark (Gavle, 6pm)
China v Australia (Vasteras, 6pm)

June 9

Pool A: Sweden v Japan (Vasteras, 6pm)
Brazil v Germany (Karlstad, 6pm)

June 10

Pool B: Norway v Canada (Gavle, 3pm)
Nigeria v England (Karlstad, 3pm)

Pool C United States v Australia (Helsingborg, 3pm)
China v Denmark (Vasteras, 3pm)

Top two in each group and the two third-placed teams with the best records qualify for quarter-finals

Quarter-finals
June 13
Gavle (4.15pm)
Karlstad (4.15pm)
Vasteras (7.15pm)
Helsingborg (7.15pm)

Semi-finals
June 15
Vasteras (4.15pm)
Helsingborg (7.15pm)

Third place play-off
June 17
Gavle (3pm)

Final
June 18
Stockholm (5pm)

Sheer frustration for unsubtle Irish

Liechtenstein 0
Ireland 0

From Peter Ball
in Eschen

THE unthinkable happened here on Saturday as Ireland were held to a goalless draw by tiny Liechtenstein, and the scoreline was only the most bizarre occurrence of a surreal afternoon.

A crowd of 4,500, most wearing the green of Ireland, crammed round the tiny field underneath the Alps, with a mountain towering behind one goal and a large portable cross ready for outdoor Mass overhanging the other, to watch Ireland suffer the most frustrating afternoon in Jack Charlton's managerial career.

Forty shots, 16 on target, rained on Liechtenstein's goal, but the only one to enter the net was propelled by John Aldridge's hand, earning the Tranmere Rovers forward a yellow card.

Instead of the canter Ireland expected, Liechtenstein earned their first point in a competitive game. Martin Heeb, the groundsman at the Eschen-Mauren Sportpark in his day job, produced numerous heroics, one breathtaking reflex save from point blank range to deny Tony Cascarino earning him every accolade.

In front of him, the sweeper, Hasler, also performed beyond the call of duty, twice scraping the ball off the line when Heeb was beaten during the second-half siege of the Liechtenstein goal.

At the end, the home side celebrated as if it had won the European championship, culminating in a lap of honour. The Irish supporters gave them a warm reception in spite of the possible damage they might have done to their team's qualifying prospects in group six.

It might have been different if Niall Quinn's headers had found the target in the first ten minutes. But Quinn was off colour, reflecting a difficult end to the week after his transfer to Sporting Lisbon hit a snag, leaving Quinn in limbo.

Instead, Ireland failed to capitalise on their chances, and there was also the thought that, for all their pressure, a little extra subtlety might have unlocked the door more effectively than the barnstorming approach.

With Portugal beating Latvia to go to the top of the group, Ireland will now have to beat Austria on Sunday to get back on course.

LIECHTENSTEIN (1-2-5-2): M Heeb (Schaan) — D Hasler (Vaduz), T Hanselmann (Balzers), J Oepelt (Vaduz: sub: J Zech, Eschen-Mauren, 30min) — J Ritter (Vaduz), H Zech (Vaduz), R Hild (Eschen-Mauren), D Telser (Balzers), W Oepelt (Vaduz: sub: P Marxer, Eschen-Mauren, 84) — A Burgmaier (Eschen-Mauren), M Frick (St Gallen).

IRELAND (4-4-2): A Kelly (Sheffield United) — G Kelly (Leeds United), P McGrath (Aston Villa), P Babb (Liverpool), D Irwin (Manchester United) — J McAteer (Bolton Wanderers, sub: J Kenna, Blackburn Rovers, 73), R Whelan (Southend United), J Sheridan (Sheffield Wednesday), S Staunton (Aston Villa) — J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), N Quinn (Sporting Lisbon; sub: A Cascarino, Marseilles, 60).

Referee: [illegible] (Malta).

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Young British athletes finding out the hard way about life in the fast lane

Golding confident he can bridge senior gap

David Powell reports on the sprinting talent waiting to follow in the Christie tradition

Julian Golding is not frightened by his own prediction. The world record for the 100 metres, at present 9.85 seconds, will, he estimates, be 9.72 or better by the time he is 35, Linford Christie's age now. Golding has 15 years to improve by just over half a second. "I would not be in the sport if I did not think I could do it," he said.

He was sitting in the main stand at Crystal Palace on Saturday, having just run third behind Solomon Wariso and Christie in a British League 200 metres. Golding will welcome any chance he is given to measure himself against Christie before the great man retires after the Olympics next year, as he said last week he would.

On the worst kind of day for sprinting, grey and wet, Christie was drawn in lane seven and Golding was unfortunate to have the lane outside him. "My main objective was not to let Linford catch me early," Golding said. Before the bend unfurled Christie, was past but Golding kept working, holding the gap to three metres.

This is an important year for Golding, not because it is a world championships summer but because it is a time when he must learn to live with losing. He is a graduate from the highly promising British junior sprinting class of '94. Three of that class — Jason Gardener, Ian Mackie and Golding — were among the fastest teenagers in the world last year.

However, the journey from junior to senior riches is across a rope bridge. Darren Campbell was the last successful junior British sprinter to attempt the crossing and the knots have looked unsafe. Campbell, the 100 and 200 metres junior world silver medal winner in 1992, was unable to make the British top 20 last year in his second senior season and has even been trying his luck in another sport, with football trials at Millwall, Plymouth Argyle and Dagenham and Redbridge.

Two years ago, Campbell spoke of the difficulty he was having in adjusting to life in the senior ranks. "I am used to winning and I find losing hard to accept," he said at the world championships in Stuttgart when he was a member of the relay squad. That year Christie said of Campbell: "He can be the one to pick up where I leave off. His problem is going to be surviving the next two years as a senior."

At least Campbell is holding on to the bridge, running a relay leg for the North last month in an area match. "He is still involved but not 100 per cent," Keith Antoine, Britain's national event coach for sprints, said.

Athletes who were good junior internationals find suddenly that their supply of airline tickets has dried up. Golding, who reached the world junior 100 metres final last year, said he knows not to expect too much too soon. "We have a lot of juniors who go wrong because they go out there thinking they have to do it straight away," Golding said. "I believe I can do it because I have a good coach and good mental attitude."

Gardener, the world junior 100 metres runner-up last year, approached the season ready for a bruising. "I am going to get thrashed week in, week out," he said. "It is going to be a hard learning process. I am on a two-year approach to 1996. That is when I want to come out flying."

If the new TSB rankings are a yardstick, Britain's future is with sprinting. The rankings were designed to compare performance across the disciplines and Gardener, from Bath, Golding, from Harlesden, and Mackie, from Dunfermline, are all among the top six. "The future is looking good for British sprints," Mackie, the world junior 200 metres bronze medal-winner, said. "We want to keep up the tradition once Linford leaves."

Mackie had a foretaste of life among the seniors last year when he was invited to Gateshead for a 200 metres that included Frankie Fredericks, the world champion. He finished last. "To be expected," was his verdict. Put off? "No, you have got to take the rough with the smooth." He thinks he should be ready by 1997.

Antoine identifies the weaknesses in the bridge. "Juniors on that level are used to winning and, as seniors, that ceases to be the case. In the United Kingdom, when they are selected, they are looked after like little people.

"There is always someone helping them. When you leave the juniors, you look after yourself. Leaving the junior ranks coincides with going away to university, which means leaving the training group they have worked with, or going to work for seven hours a day then training."

An under-23 British squad helps to ease the transition and Antoine points to another important alteration. "We have changed the coaching structure," Antoine said. "We used to have a national event coach who dealt with sprinters while they were juniors and a different coach who dealt with the seniors. Recently, it was split between men and women so the same national event coach could follow them all the way through."

This week Golding will be back training with Mike McFarlane's group at Haringey. Racing against Christie in the British League and working with a training squad that includes John Regis, Darren Braithwate and Tony Jarrett, Golding is in one of the world's best breeding grounds. "It bolts down the mental attitude," McFarlane said.

Braithwaite, world indoor silver medal-winner at 60 metres, has broken through after years of trying. "Being around these guys, Julian knows that it is not going to come overnight. It is hard and the competition is rough," McFarlane said. Golding, though, at least sounds determined to stay the course.

'It is an important year for him because he must learn to live with losing'

☐ Sally Gunnell is hoping to lead the Great Britain women's team into the European Cup in Lille on June 24, despite recent Achilles tendon trouble. Gunnell will have her first training session over hurdles today with a view to opening her season in Nuremburg on June 15.

The formidable figure of Christie is poised to strike as Golding leaves the blocks in the British League 200 metres at Crystal Palace. Photograph: Andre Camara

Top seed Prebble sets record to retain 25-mile title

By Peter Bryan

RICHARD PREBBLE'S heart rate reached 187 beats a minute yesterday with the effort of retaining his national 25-mile time-trial cycling title at Farndon, Cheshire.

As defending champion — and also Britain's ten-mile and 50-mile title-holder — he was top seed of the 120 accepted entrants starting at one minute intervals and set off last.

The 27-year-old rider, from Cheltenham, had spent 45 minutes on a gentle warm-up ride in the area and was unaware that one of his principal rivals, Geoff Platts, the veteran rider, had recorded the fastest time of 53min 09sec.

Prebble, riding a new £1,500 carbon-fibre bike, had planned to "give everything" for the first five miles into a head wind, having covered the course in a trial run on Friday.

At the halfway point, a time check showed that he was 30 seconds ahead of Platts, with Ray Eden, a London bike courier, third, a further 12 seconds behind.

Prebble built on his lead during the return run, which included the 1.5-mile climb of Marford Bank six miles from the finish and crossed the line in 52min 03sec.

"That last climb made me change into a lower gear and get out of the saddle," he said as local specialists confirmed that he had taken well over a minute off the course record.

Eden took the bronze medal in 53min 42sec in a championship in which some of the favourites never appeared comfortable on the undulating course.

Prebble takes another step today in his ambition to be an international all-round performer when he makes his debut in a 4,000 metres pursuit with a trial on the Manchester indoor track. Prebble will head a British team in the three-day French amateur Tour de l'Oise this month.

☐ Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, recorded his first win in the Giro d'Italia, which ended in Milan yesterday, finishing more than four minutes ahead of his main rivals, Evgeny Berzin, of Russia, and Piotr Ugrumov, of Latvia. The final 148km stage was won by Giovanni Lombardi, of Italy, in 3hr 32min 53sec.

A confident Rominger started the race as clear favourite after Miguel Induráin, of Spain, announced he was not taking part. Induráin said he wanted to concentrate on preparation for the Tour de France, where he is aiming for a fifth consecutive victory.

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Monarchs fumble away last chance

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By Richard Wetherell

THIS ignominious defeat for the Monarchs in the World League of American Football ended any realistic hopes they had of returning to play Amsterdam in the World Bowl. Their record in the second half of the season is 2-2 and even if other results go their way they are likely to lose out on the tie-breaks — a club's record in the first half of the season or points difference.

The game on Saturday ended in a sour fashion with a push-and-shove session after the Monarchs took exception to the Admirals celebrating an interception.

Once the officials had regained some sort of order, Chris Luneberg and Terrance Wisdom were thrown out of the game, along with Mike Anderson, of the Admirals. Horace Morris, of the Monarchs, had been ejected earlier.

Having three players ejected was not the only unwanted league record the Monarchs established, for, in addition to nine turnovers, they also had a field-goal attempt blocked and let another running back rush for more than 100 yards. All this against a side led by its third-string quarterback for most of the game.

The Monarchs remained in touch until late into the fourth quarter as a touchdown by Tony Brooks made the score 14-7. The Admirals replied immediately with a Terry Belden field goal.

Schools draw on traditional virtues

By John Goodbody

NOT even unrelenting drizzle, interrupted by sharp showers, can stop prep school cricket. "It is our Corinthian spirit," Rhidian Llewellyn, the headmaster of Papplewick, whose six fixtures against Haileybury Junior School were completed with aplomb in Berkshire on Saturday, said.

Whereas country cricketers might have been inclined to leave the field, the boys aged from eight to 13 continued to play with enthusiasm. A wet wicket? No problem. Teams played on artificial pitches or just coped with the unseemly conditions. What was striking was the correctness of approach. The well-drilled attitude of both schools, with their technical proficiency, loud calling and alert fielding, would have warmed any traditionalist's heart.

It is confidently, and probably correctly, asserted that cricket is now less popular in most state schools, and possibly even at public schools, where a much earlier start to the summer term and the increasing importance of A levels has diminished the prominence of England's national summer game. However, any declining interest in cricket is less evident at prep schools.

John Hare, the headmaster of Haileybury Junior, has been teaching at independent schools since 1962. He said: "A great deal depends on whether boys come from families where cricket is popular. There are now fewer boys who are students of the game, who pore over *Wisden*.

"However, there are still boys who love the game, even if they are not particularly good at it. Prep schools have to have people available to keep that interest going, as we do." He pointed out that, whereas at one stage there was only cricket in the summer term, there are now inter-school matches in sports such as athletics and swimming.

Kwik-cricket, the playground form, is popular. Robert Spencer, the master in charge of cricket at Haileybury Junior, said: "It gets them out and running about. It can encourage bad habits, like hitting across the line, but it certainly sparks their interest." At Papplewick, Llewellyn, who has been teaching since 1975, believes the interest is as high as ever. "You see it in March when playground cricket starts up and boys are queuing up to play," he said.

Joanne Wallace, who coaches the under-nine rugby team, said: "After two terms of rugby, everyone switches over to cricket. It is nice to see the boys adapt to a completely different sport."

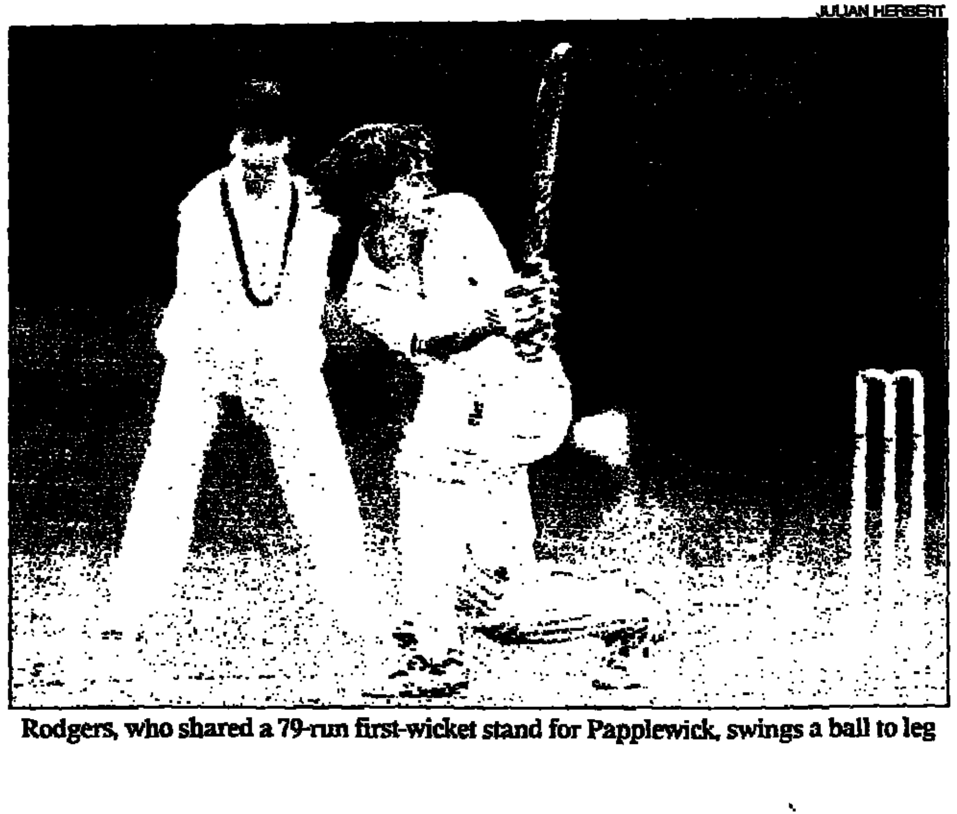
Both schools have benefited from having artificial surfaces, so allowing more inter-school games to be completed. However, last summer, despite this facility, Haileybury still could not play on four Saturdays because of the weather. Hare says: "This is not only half the playing season gone, but half the learning season as well."

The Papplewick boys will certainly learn from their scheduled tour of Zimbabwe next March, just as the rugby players did when they toured New Zealand last year in what they believed to be the first visit to the country by an English prep school. At home, Papplewick's first XV collected a record 409 points and reached the last eight of the Rosslyn Park prep schools sevens.

On Saturday, Papplewick first XI declared at 140 for four after Tristan Rodgers and John Mark Fitzpatrick had put on 79 for the first wicket. Haileybury were 21 for six, but Kyle Nathan and Charlie Fisher steered them to safety at 60 for six.

Ben Coombes, the head of sport at Papplewick, said: "Our boys will try to call it a winning draw. We tell them that there is no such thing. It was a draw." Some traditions in English sport happily remain unchanged.

JULIAN HERBERT



Rodgers, who shared a 79-run first-wicket stand for Papplewick, swings a ball to leg

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THE 1996 EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: Israel 2 Poland 1, Romania 3 Azerbaijan 0, Slovakia 0 France 0, France 0 Romania 0, Israel 2 Slovakia 2, Poland 1 Azerbaijan 0, Romania 3 Slovakia 2, Poland 0 France 0, Azerbaijan 0 Israel 2, Azerbaijan 0 France 2, Israel 1 Romania 1, Romania 2 Poland 1, Israel 0 France 0, Slovakia 4 Azerbaijan 1, France 4 Slovakia 0, Poland 4 Israel 3, Azerbaijan 1 Romania 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	6	4	2	0	13	5	14
France	6	2	4	0	6	0	10
Israel	6	2	3	1	10	8	9
Poland	5	2	1	2	7	7	7
Slovakia	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
Azerbaijan	6	0	0	6	2	16	0

FIXTURES: Jun 7: Poland v Slovakia, Romania v Israel. Aug 16: France v Poland, Azerbaijan v Slovakia. Sept 6: France v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Israel. Oct 11: Romania v France, Israel v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Poland. Nov 15: Slovakia v Romania, Azerbaijan v Poland, France v Israel.

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: Macedonia 1 Denmark 1, Cyprus 1 Spain 2, Belgium 2 Armenia 0, Armenia 0 Cyprus 0, Denmark 3 Belgium 1, Macedonia 0 Spain 2, Belgium 1 Macedonia 1, Spain 3 Denmark 0, Cyprus 2 Armenia 0, Belgium 1 Spain 4, Macedonia 3 Cyprus 0, Spain 1 Belgium 1, Cyprus 1 Denmark 1, Armenia 0 Spain 2, Belgium 2 Cyprus 0, Denmark 1 Macedonia 0, Armenia 2 Macedonia 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	1	0	14	3	16
Denmark	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
Belgium	6	2	2	2	8	10	8
Macedonia	6	1	3	2	7	7	6
Cyprus	6	1	2	3	4	8	5
Armenia	5	0	2	3	2	8	2

FIXTURES: Jun 7: Denmark v Cyprus, Macedonia v Belgium, Spain v Armenia. Aug 16: Armenia v Denmark. Sept 6: Belgium v Denmark, Spain v Cyprus, Macedonia v Armenia. Oct 7: Armenia v Belgium. Oct 11: Denmark v Spain, Cyprus v Macedonia. Nov 15: Cyprus v Belgium, Denmark v Armenia.

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: Hungary 2 Turkey 2, Iceland 0 Sweden 1, Turkey 5 Iceland 0, Switzerland 4 Sweden 2, Switzerland 1 Iceland 0, Sweden 2 Hungary 0, Turkey 1 Switzerland 2, Turkey 2 Sweden 1, Hungary 2 Switzerland 2, Hungary 1 Sweden 0, Switzerland 1 Turkey 2, Sweden 1 Iceland 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Switzerland	5	3	1	1	10	7	10
Sweden	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Hungary	4	1	2	1	5	6	5
Iceland	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

FIXTURES: Jun 11: Iceland v Hungary. Aug 16: Iceland v Switzerland. Sept 6: Sweden v Switzerland, Turkey v Hungary. Oct 11: Switzerland v Hungary, Iceland v Turkey. Nov 11: Hungary v Iceland. Nov 15: Sweden v Turkey.

GROUP FOUR

RESULTS: Estonia 0 Croatia 2, Ukraine 0 Lithuania 2, Slovenia 1 Italy 1, Croatia 2 Lithuania 0, Estonia 0 Italy 2, Ukraine 0 Slovenia 0, Ukraine 3 Estonia 0, Slovenia 1 Lithuania 2, Italy 1 Croatia 2, Croatia 4 Ukraine 0, Italy 4 Estonia 1, Slovenia 3 Estonia 0, Ukraine 0 Italy 2, Lithuania 0 Croatia 0, Lithuania 0 Italy 1, Croatia 2 Slovenia 0, Estonia 0 Ukraine 1.

ENGLAND, as hosts, qualify automatically for the 1996 European championship finals but the holders, Denmark, do not. The eight group winners qualify, as do the six best second-placed teams. The other two second-placed teams will play off at a neutral venue in December for the last of the 16 places. The six best runners-up will be determined by results achieved against the first, third and fourth-placed teams in each group.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	6	5	0	1	12	1	16
Italy	6	4	1	1	11	4	13
Lithuania	5	2	1	2	4	4	7
Ukraine	6	2	1	3	4	8	7
Slovenia	5	1	2	2	5	5	5
Estonia	6	0	0	6	1	15	0

FIXTURES: Jun 7: Lithuania v Slovenia. Jun 11: Estonia v Slovenia, Ukraine v Croatia. Aug 16: Estonia v Lithuania. Sept 3: Croatia v Estonia. Sept 6: Italy v Slovenia, Lithuania v Ukraine. Oct 8: Croatia v Italy. Oct 11: Slovenia v Ukraine, Lithuania v Estonia. Nov 11: Italy v Ukraine. Nov 15: Slovenia v Croatia, Italy v Lithuania.

GROUP FIVE

RESULTS: Czech Rep 6 Malta 1, Luxembourg 0 Holland 4, Norway 1 Belarus 0, Malta 0 Czech Rep 0, Belarus 2 Luxembourg 0, Norway 1 Holland 1, Belarus 0 Norway 4, Holland 0 Czech Rep 0, Malta 0 Norway 1, Holland 5 Luxembourg 0, Malta 0 Luxembourg [illegible] Czech Rep 4 Belarus 2, Luxembourg 0 Norway 2, Holland 4 Malta 0, Belarus 1 Malta 1, Czech Rep 3 Holland 1, Norway 5 Luxembourg 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	6	5	1	0	14	1	16
Holland	6	3	2	1	15	4	11
Czech Rep	5	3	2	0	13	4	11
Belarus	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Luxembourg	6	1	0	5	1	18	3
Malta	6	0	2	4	2	13	2

FIXTURES: Jun 7: Belarus v Holland, Luxembourg v Czech Rep, Norway v Malta. Aug 16: Norway v Czech Rep. Sept 6: Czech Rep v Norway, Luxembourg v Malta, Holland v Belarus. Oct 7: Belarus v Czech Rep. Oct 11: Malta v Holland, Luxembourg v Belarus. Nov 12: Malta v Belarus. Nov 15: Czech Rep v Luxembourg, Holland v Norway.

GROUP SIX

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 1, Liechtenstein 0 Austria 4, Latvia 0 Ireland 3, Northern Ireland 1 Portugal 2, Latvia 1 Portugal 3, Austria 1 Northern Ireland 2, Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 0, Portugal 1 Austria 0, Liechtenstein 0 Latvia 1, Northern Ireland 0 Ireland 4, Portugal 8 Liechtenstein 0, Ireland 1 Northern Ireland 1, Austria 5 Latvia 0, Ireland 1 Portugal 0, Latvia 0 Northern Ireland 1, Austria 7 Liechtenstein 0, Portugal 3 Latvia 2, Liechtenstein 0 Ireland 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	6	5	0	1	17	5	15
Ireland	6	4	2	0	13	1	14
Nth Ireland	6	3	1	2	9	9	10
Austria	5	3	0	2	17	3	9
Latvia	6	1	0	5	4	15	3
Liechtenstein	7	0	1	6	1	28	1

FIXTURES: Jun 7: Northern Ireland v Latvia. Jun 11: Ireland v Austria. Aug 15: Liechtenstein v Portugal. Aug 16: Latvia v Austria. Sept 3: Portugal v Northern Ireland. Sept 6: Austria v Ireland, Latvia v Liechtenstein. Oct 11: Ireland v Latvia, Austria v Portugal, Liechtenstein v Northern Ireland. Nov 15: Portugal v Ireland, Northern Ireland v Austria.

GROUP SEVEN

RESULTS: Georgia 0, Moldavia 1, Wales 2 Albania 0, Moldavia 3 Wales 2, Bulgaria 2 Georgia 0, Albania 1 Germany 2, Georgia 5 Wales 0, Bulgaria 4 Moldavia 1, Albania 0 Georgia 1, Moldavia 0 Germany 3, Wales 0 Bulgaria 3, Germany 2 Albania 1, Georgia 0 Germany 2, Bulgaria 3 Wales 1, Albania 3 Moldavia 0, Germany 1 Wales 1, Moldavia 0 Bulgaria 3, Georgia 2 Albania 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	5	5	0	0	15	2	15
Germany	5	4	1	0	10	3	13
Georgia	6	3	0	3	6	5	9
Moldavia	6	2	0	4	5	15	6
Wales	6	1	1	4	6	15	4
Albania	6	1	0	5	5	9	3

FIXTURES: Jun 7: Bulgaria v Germany, Wales v Georgia, Moldavia v Albania. Sept 6: Germany v Georgia, Wales v Moldavia, Albania v Bulgaria. Oct 7: Bulgaria v Albania. Oct 8: Germany v Moldavia. Oct 11: Wales v Germany. Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria, Albania v Wales, Moldavia v Georgia.

GROUP EIGHT

RESULTS: Finland 0 Scotland 2, Faeroe Islands 1 Greece 5, Scotland 5 Faeroe Islands 1, Greece 4 Finland 0, Russia 4 San Marino 0, Scotland 1 Russia 1, Greece 2 San Marino 0, Finland 5 Faeroe Islands 0, Finland 4 San Marino 1, Greece 1 Scotland 0, Russia 0 Scotland 0, San Marino 0 Finland 2, San Marino 0 Scotland 2, Greece 0 Russia 3, Faeroe Islands 0 Finland 4, Russia 3 Faeroe Islands 0, Faeroe Islands 3 San Marino 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Finland	6	4	0	2	15	7	12
Greece	5	4	0	1	12	4	12
Russia	5	3	2	0	11	1	11
Scotland	6	3	2	1	10	3	11
Faeroe Isl	6	1	0	5	5	22	3
San Marino	6	0	0	6	1	17	0

FIXTURES: Jun 7: Faeroe Islands v Scotland, San Marino v Russia. Jun 11: Finland v Greece. Aug 16: Scotland v Greece, Finland v Russia. Sept 6: Scotland v Finland, Faeroe Islands v Russia, San Marino v Greece. Oct 11: Russia v Greece, Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Nov 15: Scotland v San Marino, Russia v Finland, Greece v Faeroe Islands.

FINALS

QUARTER-FINALS: June 22: Anfield, Wembley. June 23: Old Trafford, Villa Park.

SEMI-FINALS: June 26: Old Trafford (Anfield v Villa Park winners), Wembley (Wembley v Old Trafford winners).

FINAL: June 30: Wembley.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Umbro Cup

ENGLAND (0) 2 JAPAN (0) 1
Anderton 48 Ihara 82
Platt 88 (pen) 21,142

England (4-4-2): T Flowers (Blackburn Rovers) — G Neville (Manchester United), J Scales (Liverpool), D Unsworth (Everton), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest) — D Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur), D Platt (Sampdoria), D Batty (Blackburn Rovers; sub: P Gascoigne, Lazio, 69min), P Beardsley (Newcastle United; sub: S McManaman, Liverpool, 69) — A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), S Collymore (Nottingham Forest; sub: E Sheringham, Tottenham Hotspur, 76).

Japan (3-5-2): K Maekawa (SF Hiroshima) — K Tasaka (Bellmare Hiratsuka), T Hashiratani (Verdy Kawasaki), M Ihara (Yokohama Marinos) — A Narahashi (V Kawasaki), H Motohima (Cerezo Osaka) (sub M Fukuda, Urawa Red Diamonds, 80min), M Yamaguchi (Yokohama Flugels), T Kitazaw (V Kawasaki), N Soma (Jubilo Iwata) (sub H Yanagimoto, SF Hiroshima, 74) — K Miura (Genoa), M Nakayama (Jubilo Iwata) (sub: H Kurosaki, Urawa Red Diamonds, 66).

Sent off: Hashiratani, 88.

Referee: J Uilenberg (Holland).

BRAZIL (1) 1 SWEDEN (0) 0
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
England	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Japan	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sweden	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

FIXTURES: Tomorrow: Japan v Brazil (Everton, 8.0). June 8: England v Sweden (Leeds, 8.0). June 10: Sweden v Japan (Nottingham Forest, 2.0). June 11: England v Brazil (Wembley, 4.0).

European Championship

Group six

LIECHTENSTEIN (0) 0 IRELAND (0) 0
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ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bari 1 Sampdoria 2; Cremonese 2 Roma 5; Fiorentina 1 AC Milan 2; Genoa 1 Torino 0; Inter Milan 2 Padova 1; Juventus 3 Cagliari 1; Lazio 1 Brescia 0; Napoli 1 Parma 0; Reggiana 1 Foggia 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Juventus	34	23	4	7	59	32	73
Lazio	34	19	6	9	69	34	63
Parma	34	18	9	7	51	31	63
Milan	34	17	9	8	53	32	60
Roma	34	16	11	7	46	25	59
Inter	34	14	10	10	39	34	52
Napoli	34	13	12	9	40	45	51
Sampdoria	34	13	11	10	51	37	50
Cagliari	34	13	10	11	40	39	49
Fiorentina	34	12	11	11	61	57	47
Torino	34	12	9	13	44	48	45
Bari	34	12	8	14	40	43	44
Cremonese	34	11	8	15	35	38	41
Genoa	54	10	10	14	34	49	40
Padova	34	12	4	18	37	58	40
Foggia	34	8	10	16	32	50	34
Reggiana	34	4	6	24	24	58	18
Brescia	34	2	6	26	18	65	12

SPANISH LEAGUE: Espanol 5 Valencia 0, Real Madrid 2 Deportivo La Coruna 1 (Real Madrid win title).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Real Madrid	36	22	9	5	74	27	53
Deportivo	36	18	11	7	55	30	47
Barcelona	35	16	10	9	54	43	42
Real Zaragoza	35	18	6	11	54	48	42
Real Betis	35	13	15	7	41	23	41
Espanol	36	14	13	9	50	34	41
Sevilla	35	15	10	10	51	37	40
Athletic Bilbao	35	14	10	11	37	40	38
Real Oviedo	35	12	13	10	44	39	37
Real Sociedad	35	11	13	11	54	42	35
Valencia	36	12	11	13	47	45	35
Tenerife	35	13	8	14	54	52	34
Celta	35	10	13	12	32	45	33
Atletico Madrid	35	12	8	15	51	50	32
R Santander	35	10	10	15	37	46	30
Compostela	35	9	12	14	39	51	30
Albacete	35	8	14	13	40	53	30
Sporting Gijon	35	8	12	15	40	61	28
Real Valladolid	35	7	9	19	22	60	23
Logrones	35	2	9	24	14	67	13

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Amsterdam 17 London 7, Barcelona 31 Rhein 21.

ATHLETICS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Crystal Palace: First division: 100m: L Christie (Thames V) 10.45sec. 200m: 1, S Wariso (Haringey) 20.77. 2, Christie 20.87. 400m: P McBurney (Newham and Essex) 47.08. 800m: A Duke (Thames V) 1min 53.12sec. 1,500m: S Fairbrother (Haringey) 3:48.36. 5,000m: P Hogston (Blackheath) 14:05.66. 3,000m steeplechase: J Sear (Woodford Green) 9:09.59. 110m hurdles: N Owen (Belgrave) 14.18. 400m hurdles: G Jennings (Newham and Essex Beagles) 50.30. 4 x 100m relay: Haringey 40.53. 4 x 400m relay: Newham and Essex 3:07.33. High jump: D Grant (Haringey) 2.10m. Pole vault: N Winter (Shaftesbury Barnet) and P Williamson (Thames Valley) 5.40. Long jump: J Munroe (Thames Valley) 7.53. Triple jump: F Agyepong (Shaftesbury Barnet) 16.21. Shot: M Proctor (Newham and Essex) 18.10. Discus: K Brown (Belgrave) 56.88. Hammer: M Jones (Shaftesbury Barnet) 70.48. Javelin: C Mackenzie (Newham and Essex) 79.90.

Match result: 1, Thames Valley Harriers 363pts. 2, Haringey 321; 3, Shaftesbury Barnet 288; 4, Belgrave 286, 5, Blackheath 261. 6, Woodford Green 226; 7, Newham and Essex 211. 8, Birchfield 210. Standings (after two matches): 1, Thames Valley Harriers 15pts. 2, Belgrave 13, 3, Shaftesbury Barnet 12; 4, Haringey 9; 5, Blackheath 9; 6, Woodford Green 7. 7, Birchfield 4. 8, Newham and Essex Beagles.

EDINBURGH: Second division: 1, Sale 287. 2, Cardiff 228, 3, Liverpool 208. 4, Crawley 194.5. 5, Edinburgh Southern 189; 6, Swansea 174.5. Standings: 1, Sale 12; 2, Cardiff 10, 3, Liverpool 7; 4, Crawley 7. 5, Swansea 3; 6, Edinburgh Southern 3.

BRACKNELL: Third division: 1, O Gaytonians 224, 2, Hounslow 216; 3, Windsor, Slough and E 212. 4, Enfield 210; 5, Stoke 208. 6, Wolverhampton 100. Standings: 1, Hounslow 10, 2, O Gaytonians 10; 3, Stoke 8. 4, Enfield 6. 5, Windsor, Slough and E 6. 6, Wolverhampton 2.

WAKEFIELD: Fourth division. 1, Avonics 232. 2, Peterborough 222; 3, Solent 221. 4, Cambridge Harriers 208. 5, Leeds C 189. 6, Edinburgh 182. Standings: 1, Peterborough 11. 2, Solent 9. 3, Avonics 9. 4, Cambridge Harriers 7. 5, Leeds City 4. 6, Edinburgh 2.

BARKING: Fifth division: 1, Border 281. 2, Morpeth 225. 3, Sheffield 202. 4, Bristol 196. 5, Havering 175. 6, Bournemouth 171. Standings: 1, Border 12. 2, Bristol 8. 3, Morpeth 7. 4, Sheffield 7. 5, Bournemouth 5. 6, Havering 3.

SEVILLE: International meeting: Men: 100m: A Leiva (Sp) 10.85sec. 200m: J Williams (US) 20.59. 1,500m: N Morceli (Alg) 3min 32.99sec. 5,000m: P Tergat (Kenya) 13:22.12. 110m hurdles: C Hawkins (US) 13.46. 3,000m steeplechase: M Birir (Kenya) 8:14.59. Long jump: I Pedroso (Cuba) 8.49m. Hammer: I Astapkovich (Belo) 81.62.

Women: 100m: F Ogunkova (Nigeria) 11.47. 200m: L Ferri (Sp) 25.07. 800m: L Rogachova (Russ) 2:00.64. 5,000m: D Tulu (Eth) 15:40.03. 100m hurdles: M J Mardomingo (Sp) 14.00. 400m hurdles: D Hemmings (Jam) 54.97. High jump: Y Topchina (Russ) 1.93. Triple jump: I Lasovskaya (Russ) 15.05.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

TENTH ROUND: West Coast Eagles 17.10 (112) bt Brisbane Bears 10.7 (67). Carlton 26.16 (172) bt Hawthorn 10.10 (70). Richmond 13.18 (96) bt Footscray 9.10 (64). Melbourne 15.12 (102) bt Sydney Swans 11.11 (77). Fremantle 20.11 (131) bt St Kilda 9.6 (60). Geelong 16.20 (116) bt Adelaide 14.7 (91). Collingwood 13.15 (93) bt Fitzroy 10.19 (79). North Melbourne 19.12 (126) bt Essendon 15.9 (99).

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE: American League: Boston 10 Seattle 6, Cleveland 3 Toronto 0, Baltimore 9 Oakland 5, California 4 New York Yankees 2, Chicago White Sox 10 Detroit 6, Kansas City 2 Milwaukee 1, Minnesota 4 Texas 0.

National League: San Francisco 3 Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 8 St Louis 4, Florida 5 Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 2 Atlanta 1 (in 10), Colorado 7 Pittsburgh 6, New York Mets 5 Los Angeles 3, Montreal 1 San Diego 0 (in 10).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA). Finals. Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Indiana 105 Orlando 96 (best-of-seven series 3-3).

BOWLS

BATH: Open tournament: Men: Singles: Final: J Howard (W Bath) 21 J Dellow (Alexandra Pk) 15. Pairs: Final: D Southcombe & M Perrett (Bath) 27 B Smith & D Parslow (Bristol St Andrews) 10. Women: Singles: Final: B Wilson (Corsham) 21 B Hay (Royal Leamington Spa) 9. Pairs: Final: J D'Ella & J Sullivan (Fairford) 28 B Shepheard & I Dawson (Corsham) 20.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Norfolk 121 Essex 109, Cambridgeshire 113 Suffolk 106. Home Counties Championship: Oxfordshire 111 Kent 117, Surrey 89, Berkshire 125. Midland Counties Championship: Leicestershire 112 Warwickshire 117.

MURAS TROPHY: Cumbria 97, Yorkshire 108 (at Dalston), Lancashire 104, Durham 118 (at Southport).

RED ROSE TROPHY: Cumbria 132, Yorkshire 86 (at Appleby), Lancashire 100, Durham 118 (at Stanley Park).

CRICKET

WINDSOR LIFE CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Alsager 187-5 dec, Didsbury 129-4. Abandoned: Bowdon v Macclesfield, Heaton Mersey v Timperley; Poynton v Widnes; Toft v Grappenhall; Warrington v Cheadle Hulme.

DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY ABBEY GLASS LEAGUE: Ilkeston 116-5, Stainsby 115-8; Heanor 172-2, Aston 171-9; A&B 161-8, Sawley 161-6, Quarndon 212-2, Langley M 210-4; W Hallam 126, Denby 209-7, Ockbrook 193-3, Wirksworth 191-7.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Slough 174-6, Kidmore End 157-9. Abandoned: Basingstoke v Hayes; Bessborough v OMT; Chesham v Harrow; H Wycombe v Boyne H, Hounslow v Eastcote; Ickenham v Reading; Maidenhead & B v Harefield; Tring Pk v Beaconsfield, Wokingham v Finchampstead.

VAUX NORTHERN CRICKET LEAGUE: Chorley 205-8, Lancaster 152-3. Fleetwood 177-3, St Annes 174-6; Leyland Daf 178-4, Blackpool 178-7; Morecambe 188-6, Leyland 183-2; Netherfield 230-4, Darwen 190-7. Preston 58 Kendal 85.

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Irlam 181-4, Roe Green 145-7; Woodbank 158-3, Thornham 157-7. Abandoned: Denton St Lawrence v Dukinfield; Denton West v Prestwich, Glossop v Longsight, Sale Moor v Woodhouses.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Dalton 209-4, Ulverston 19; Furness 180-6, Workington 181-5, Penrith 270-4, Vickerstown 189-9. Abandoned: Askam v Carlisle, Carnforth v Barrow, Haverigg v Cleator, Vickers Sports v Millom, Whitehaven v Lindal.

APS TWO COUNTIES CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP: Achilles 232, Mildenhall 169-4. Abandoned: Braintree v Halstead. Bury St Eds v Sudbury. Dunmow v Clacton. Maldon v Abberton.

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: Astley Bridge 97-2. Tonge 96; Bradshaw 79-5. Horwich 227-1 dec, Egerton 132-1. Farnworth 126, Kearsley 103-1, Farnworth SC 102-7 dec, Little Lever 185-8 dec, Heaton 95-7, Walkden 132-2, Greenmount 130-4 dec, Westhoughton 137-9 dec, Eagley 53-8.

COLOUR ASSEMBLY ESSEX LEAGUE: Loughton 29-2, Fives Heron 158-4 dec. Orsett & T 175-8 dec., Wanstead 28. Southend 245-6 dec. Hadleigh & T 210-6. Abandoned: Chelmsford v Clayhall. Chingford v Leigh On Sea. Colchester v Hutton. Gidea Park v Saffron Walden. Ilford v O Brentwood. Westcliff v S Woodford. Woodford W v Brentwood.

BRYAN HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Berkhamsted 181. Radlett 208-5. Luton Town 201-4. Barnet 300-6. Abandoned: Letchworth v North Mymms, Langleybury v Hoddesdon, West Herts v Hitchin. Welwyn Garden City v Hertford. Bishops Stortford v Sawbridgeworth. Watford Town v Hemel Hempstead. Cheshunt v St Albans. Stevenage v Cockfosters.

BRITISH GAS SOUTHERN LEAGUE. United Services 149. Hursley Pk 149-7. Abandoned: Bournemouth v Portsmouth. Calmore Sports v Liphook & Ripsley. Hungerford v Bashley; Longparish v Gosport Borough. New Milton v Lymington; Petersfield v Old Tauntonians. South Wilts v Hambledon; Winchester KS v Havant.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Abandoned: Ashford v St Lawrence. Bexley v Dartford. Blackheath v Sevenoaks V. Chestfield v Hayes. Dover v Bromley. Gore Ct v Folkestone. Holmesdale v Midland Bk.

BASS NORTH WALES CRICKET LEAGUE. Halkyn 122-8. Bangor 125-8. Marchwiel 94-5. Shotton 92. Abandoned: Bethesda v Mochdre. Gresford v Connahs Quay. Llay v Llandudno: Pontblyddyn v Brymbo

OXBRIDGE YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Abandoned: Harrogate v Castleford; Hull v York. Sheff Collegiate v Scarborough. Barnsley v Yorkshire Academy; Cleethorpes v Driffield; Rotherham v Sheff Utd

Lee Rathbone starts the Men's national 25-mile championship at Farndon, Cheshire. Photograph: Chris Loufte.

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Abandoned: Banstead v Bank Of England; Cranleigh v Honor Oak; Esher v Limpsfield; Farnham v Mitcham; Met Police v Malden Wanderers. Spencer v O Whitgiftians; Sunbury v Guildford. Sutton v Shepperton; Cheam v Walton On Thames. Weybridge v Ashford, Wimbledon v Dulwich.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: 22nd stage (from Luino to Milan, 148km): 1, G Lombardi (It, Polti) 3hr 32min 53sec; 2, M Manzoni (It); 3, S Martinello (It), 4, R Pellicioni (It), 5, G Citterio (It). Final overall standings: 1, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei) 97hr 39min 50sec; 2, E Berzin (Russ) at 4.13. 3, P Ugrumov (Rus) 4:55; 4, C Chiappucci (It) 9:23. 5, O Rincon (Col) 10:03.

CLASSIQUE DES ALPES (Aix-les-Bains to Chambery, 118.5 miles) 1, J R Gonzales-Arrieta (Sp) 4hr 57min 37sec; 2, G Rue (Fr) same time. 3, R Virenque (Fr) at 1min 04sec.

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC National 25-mile championship (Farndon, nr Chester): 1, R Prebble (Wembley RC) 52min 3sec. Team: Leo RC 2:47.43. Scottish 25-mile championship (Dundee): 1, D Gibson (GS Modena) 53.09. Women: S Phillips (Deeside Thistle) 58.21. Colchester Rovers (100 miles): 1, B McDonald (RT East) 4.10.25. Team: Chelmer CC 13:40:33. Oxford City RC (50 miles): 1, D Russell (Mendip CC) 1:50:15. Team: Mendip CC 5:47:54. Stockton Wheelers (50 miles). 1, P Newman (GS Metro) 1:50:30. Team: Border City Wh 2:01:07. East Midlands CC (50 miles) 1, G Foskett (Coalville Wh) 1:53:51. Acme Wheelers (Rhondda) (50 miles) 1, C Wallace (Hirwaun Wh) 1:57:50. Team: Hirwaun Wh 6.13.16. Wessex RC (50 miles). 1, P Foxwell (Bournemouth Jubilee Wh) 1:57:58. Team: Poole Wh 6:02:40. Sussex CA (50 miles): 1, A Dawson (Antelope RT) 1:58:51. Team: Worthing Excelsior 6:10:18. South Lancashire RC (50 miles): 1, A Hilton (Stretford Wh) 2:02:19. Team: Congleton CC 6:34:06. Forrest CC (50 miles): 1, M Van der Vios (Moray Firth CC) 2:08:19. South Eastern RC (25 miles): 1, T Stevens (Team 2000) 53.52. Team: Rother Valley CC 2:58.57. Tyne RC (25 miles): 1, P Wildsmith (Barnesbury CC) 54:39. Harp RC (Aylesbury, 25 miles): 1, E Adkins (Leo RC) 55:38. Team: Verulam CC 3:04.40. West Pennine RC (25 miles): 1, G Woodhouse (Kent Valley RC) 57:29. Ely and Dist CC (25 miles): 1, T Barber (VC Norwich) 57:48. Team: VC Norwich 3:02:19. St Austell Wheelers (25 miles). 1, K Rees (Plymouth Corinthian) 58:48. Team: St Austell Wh 3.14.14.

ROAD RACES: Division Championships: Western (Wellington, 98 miles) 1, J Barnes (Gloucester City CC) 4:44.10, 2, G Sandy (Zoyland) at 18sec. 3, R Buckland (Gloucester C CC) at 34sec. West Yorkshire (Halifax, 93 miles): 1, D Bendelow (Morley CC) 4:12:00, 2, D Stevens (St Christophers): 3, R Binks (Huddersfield RC) all same time. North East (Ponteland, 87 miles): 1, G Turnbull (N East RT) 3:59:15; 2, M Addinall (N East RT) at 1:05, 3, J Feltis (Tyne V) at 1:58. Merseyside (Delamere, 92 miles): 1, C Newton (N Wirral V) 3:50:35. Wessex (Rowland's Castle, 88 miles). 1, S Callard (CS Purbeck) 3:49:15; 2, B Wilson (CS Purbeck) at 1:23; 3, G Pickford (Antelope RT) at 1:28. Midlands (Bridgnorth, 86 miles): 1, M Jones (Paramount CRT) 3:45:17. 2, G Birch (Wrekinsport CC) at 1sec; 3, J Mevor (Wrekinsport CC) at 8sec. Coventry (85 miles). 1, D Atkins (Coventry RC) 3:22.37. South East Midlands (Kimbolton, 81 miles) 1, J Harrison (Letchworth V) 3.26.10. 2, R Chamberlain (De Montfort) same time; 3, M Botteley (Letchworth V) at 1:00. South East London (Tunbridge Wells, 80 miles). 1, J Clarke (De Laune CC) 3:24:55; 2, B Thomas (Team 2000) at 3sec; 3, C Hollos (Gemini BC) same time

EQUESTRIANISM

HICKSTEAD: Nations Cup: Braeburn British Nations Cup: 1, Great Britain 12 faults (It's Otto, G Billington, 4-4, Comex, W Funnell, 0-4, Diamond, E-J Mac, 24-ret, Welham, J Whitaker, 0-0). 2, USA 32. 3, Holland 40. 4, France 44. 5, Germany 48. 6, Ireland 52. British Speed Grand Prix: 1, Diamond Express (F Connors, Ire) 74.69sec. 2, Blue Grass (R Splaine, Ire) 75.02; 3, Omnibus (M Ward, US) 75.55, 4, Roddy's Revenge (J Whitaker, GB) 77.03. British Young Riders Championship: 1, Deep Heat (L Whitaker) 4 faults 47.52; 2, Citi Dancer (C Bunn) 4 faults 48.23. Eventers Special: 1, Darien Powers (A Hoy, Aus) clear 50.61; 2, Beewacker (T Brown, GB) clear 55.01; 3, Party Man (E Thompson, GB) clear 58.31. Royal Gala fault and out: 1, Roddy's Revenge (J Whitaker) 65.01sec; 2, Blue Grass (T Splaine, Ire) 65.26; 3, Une Des Cresles (P Martin, Fra) 68.02.

GOLF

DUBLIN, Ohio: Memorial Tournament: Third-round scores (US unless stated): 205: D Duval 70, 71, 64; D Frost (SA) 68, 72, 65. 206: L Clements 71, 69, 66. M Calcavecchia 69, 71, 66. 207: B Ogle (Aus) 70, 71, 66. 208: F Funk 72, 69, 67. 209: M McCumber 68, 73, 68; C Parry (Aus) 69, 71, 69. 210: J Haas 72, 72, 66; K Perry 68, 74, 68; C Stadler 68, 74, 68; J Furyk 71, 71, 68; E Els (SA) 72, 68, 70. 211: T Kite 72, 72, 67. D A Weibring 70, 73, 68; D Edwards 72, 71, 68; W Austin 67, 76, 68; N Price (Zim) 71, 71, 69, L Janzen 69, 73, 69; R Allenby (Aus) 71, 71, 69.

RYE: Bar Society Tournament: Semi-finals: R Leach bt I Christie 2 and 1. P Grundy bt D Westcott 1 up. Final: Leach bt Grundy 1 up.

ADDINGTON: Grafton Morrish Trophy: London Qualifying: 1, Harrow 80pts. 2, Charterhouse 79; 3, Eton 74. 4, Whitgift 73; 5, Eltham College 70. 6, Dulwich 69; 7, Epsom 68. 8, KCS Wimbledon 68

ST ANDREWS: St Rule trophy: First round scores: 72: A Rose (Stirling). 74: M Hjorth (Stirling Univ); E Power (Kilkenny); C Divers (Douglas Pk). 75: J Hall (Felixstowe F), S Alexander (Elgin). 76: S Marais (SA); L Nicholson (Harrington). K Milne (Kirkcaldy); B Jones (Denbigh). 77: A O'Sullivan (Denbigh).

MICHIGAN: Women's tournament: Third round scores (US unless stated). 203: D Eggeling 63, 69, 71. 205: J Pitcock 66, 69, 70. 207: T Hanson 73, 67, 67. M McGann 70, 69, 68. J Geddes 66, 71, 70; K Tschetter 69, 66, 72; K Peterson-Parker 68, 69, 70. 208: L Walters (Can) 71, 68, 69; S Redman 69, 70, 69; C Ranck 71, 67, 70; D Ammaccapane 69, 68, 71; E Crosby 67, 68, 73; A Sorenstam (Swe) 73, 65, 70; H Alfredsson (Swe) 65, 74, 69. 209: P Wright (GB) 71, 69, 69. 214: K Marshall (GB) 72, 71, 71; C Pierce (GB) 70, 71, 73

HOCKEY

MEN: European Club Championship: A Division (Terrassa): Group A: Uhlenhorst Mulheim (Ger) 8 Baudouin (Bel) 1; A Terrassa 0 Grunwald (Pol) 0. Final standings: 1, Uhlenhorst 4pts; 2, Atletico 3; 3, Grunwald 1. Pool B: Amsterdam 4 SKA Samara (Rus) 1; Havant 1 Cernusco (It) 2; Samara 2 Cernusco 2; Amsterdam 3 Havant 2. Final standings: 1, Amsterdam 6pts; 2, Cernusco 3; 3, Samara 2; 4, Havant 1. Amsterdam and Uhlenhorst qualify for final. B Division (Glasgow): Group A: Stockholm 3 Whitchurch 2; Racing Club (Fr) 3 Kelburne 1; Racing 4 Stockholm 0; Kelburne 5 Whitchurch 1. Final standings: 1, Racing 6; 2, Kelburne 4, 3, Stockholm 2. 4, Whitchurch 0. Group B: C Vienna 1 Grammarians (Gib) 4, Minsk (Belo) 4 Hostiva 1; Minsk 3 Cobra 1; Hostiva 1 Grammarians 6. Final standings: 1, Minsk 6; 2, Grammarians 4; 3, Cobra 1; 4, Hostiva 1. C Division (Bratislava): Group A: Lisnagarvey (Ire) 5 Lamas (Por) 0, Rosco (Hun) 2 Marathon (Cro) 0. Group B: Zurich 12 Aker (Nor) 0. Espoo (Fin) 1 M Bratislava (Slovakia) 0.

WOMEN: International matches: Saturday: England 1 Scotland 0 (at Lilleshall): Germany 3 Australia (at Brunswick). Yesterday: England 5 Scotland 1 (at Lilleshall) Germany 3 Australia 5 (Celle).

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: A Division (Utrecht): Group A: Glasgow W 4 Swansea 0; Kampong (Utrecht) 3 Stade Francais 0; Swansea 0 Francais 1; Kampong 3 Glasgow 1. Final standings: 1, Kampong 6. 2, Glasgow W 3, 3, Francais 3. 4, Swansea 0. Group B: Balsam (Leicester) 1 Randalstown (Ire) 0; Berliner 1 Siauliai (Lith) 0; Randalstown 0 Siauliai 1; Berliner 1 Leicester 0. Final standings: 1, Berliner 6. 2, Siauliai 4; 3, Leicester 2; 4, Randalstown 0. B Division (San Sebastian): Group A: Catania (It) 1 ABC (Fin) 0, Academischer (Vienna) 0 Raca (Slovak) 0. Group B: Slavia Prague 1 Dragons (Bel) 2; San Sebastian 2 Volgodonsk (Rus) 0.

WOODMANSTERNE: Old Walcountians International Tournament: Finals: Men: Old Walcountians 0 Old Whitgiftians 4. Women: Weston (Cheshire) 1 Horsham 0

ICE HOCKEY

NHL: Play-offs: Western Conference: Finals: Detroit 2 Chicago 1 (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 1-0). Eastern Conference: Finals: New Jersey 4 Philadelphia 1 (New Jersey lead series 1-0).

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: TT races: Total Oils TT Formula One (six laps, 226.38 miles): 1, P McCallen (Honda RC45) 1hr 55min 15.8sec; 2, J Dunlop (Honda RC45) 1:55:33.9; 3, S Beck (Ducati) 1:58m:25.0. Sidecar race (three laps, 113.19 miles): 1, R Fisher and B Hutchinson (Yamaha) 1:03:47.1; 2, M Boddice and D Wells (Honda) 1:04:34.3; 3, G Bell and N Roche (Yamaha) 1:04:59.9.

MOTOR RALLYING

PERTH: Scottish rally (third round of British rally championship): 1, T Abrahamsson and M Kidd (Ford Escort Cosworth) 2hr 38min 17sec (not eligible for championship points); 2, J Kytolehto and A Kapanen (Vauxhall Astra) 2:40:43; 3, G de Mevius and J-M Fortin (Nissan Sunny) 2:43:52. Overall standings: 1, Oreille (Fr) 49pts; equal 2, G de Mevius (Bel), A McRae (Scot) and J Kytolehto (Fin) 46.

ROWING

HAZEWINKEL: Regatta: Coxed fours: 1, Britain (Leander) 6min 14sec. Double sculls: 1, Germany 6.28; 2 Britain 6.33.2. Coxless fours: 1, Italy 6.01; 4 Britain 6.07. Quad sculls: 1, Italy 5.51; 4 Britain 6.01; Eights: 1, Ukraine 5.40; 4, Britain 5.45.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: 11th round: Auckland 36 Sydney T 12; Manly 23 Brisbane 4; Newcastle 44 N Queensland 14; Cronulla 20 S Queensland 4; Canberra 18 Illawarra 6; Sydney C 18 St George 14.

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches

NS Wales C 28 England A 23

New South Wales Counties: Tries: Fries, McQueen, Tonkin. Cons: Eddy 2. Pens: Eddy 3. England A: Tries: Eves, Holford, Yates. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson 2.

(in Newcastle)

Zimbabwe 23 Scotland A 39

Zimbabwe: Tries: Jeni, Noble. Cons: Noble 2. Pens: Noble 3. Scotland A: Tries: Stark 2, Dall, Gilmour, Shepherd. Cons: Laing 4. Pen: Laing. Dropped goal: Laing.

(in Bulawayo)

SCHOOLS SPORT

CRICKET: MCC 232-7dec, *Enfield GS 202-7 (M Bone 102 not out); *Uppingham 225-8dec, Stamford 135. * denotes home side.

SHINTY

GLENMORANGIE CUP: Final: Oban Camanachd 2 Kingussie 3.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: London & Middlesex smallbore meeting: Grand aggregate: Class A: B Woodall 3,317. Class B: 1 D Hodgson 3,246. 100yds aggregate: Class A: Woodall 1,359. Class B: S Dawes 1,333. 50yds aggregate: Class A: R Hilborne 1,893. Class B: T Briggs 1,908.

TARGET RIFLE TEAM MATCH: 1, Wales 3903.379 (J H Davies 388); 2, London & Middlesex 3708.379 (M Kirkilo-Stacewicz 384):

SNOOKER

THAILAND: Challenge Tournament: S Davis (Eng) bt J Wattana (Thai) 6-2.

SQUASH

NEW YORK: Tournament of Champions: First round: M Cairns (Eng) bt A Barada (Egypt) 15-8, 15-13, 17-15, C Walker (Eng) bt G Waite (Can) 15-8, 14-15, 10-15, 15-8, 15-10; S Parke (Eng) bt M Talbot (US) 15-4, 15-6, 15-6, P Nicol (Scot) bt M Heath (Scot) 15-10, 15-5, 15-8. D Meddings (Eng) bt D Jensen (Aus) 15-11, 15-11, 7-15, 15-13; D Ryan (Ire) bt Zarak Jahan (Pak) 13-15, 15-13, 15-7, 8-15, 15-6; R Norman (NZ) bt J Power (Can) 15-13, 15-12, 15-8; R Eyles (Aus) bt A Gough (Wales) 15-13, 15-17, 15-10, 15-11.

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open

MEN'S SINGLES

Third round: S Draper (Aus) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; R Furlan (It) bt F Meligeni (Br) 6-3, 7-6, 7-5, M Larsson (Swe) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, M Chang (US) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 6-1, 6-2, 7-5; M Stich (Ger) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3, A Chesnokov (Russ) bt T Martin (US) 6-2, 6-2, 6-4, S Bruguera (Sp) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; A Voinea (Rom) bt B Becker (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Fourth round: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Second round: Y Kafelnikov and A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt M Bauer (US) and J Ireland (Aus) 6-4, 6-4. C Brandi (It) and L Pimek (Bel) bt D Johnson and K Thorne (US) 6-4, 6-4; J Hlasek (Switz) and D Wheaton (US) bt N Broad (GB) and B Haygarth (SA) 6-4, 7-6; K Novacek (Cz) and M Wilander (Swe) bt J Arrese and J A Conde (Sp) 6-4, 6-3; G Forget and F Santoro (Fr) bt S Casal and E Sánchez (Sp) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Third round: Hlasek and Wheaton bt Johnson and Thorne 4-6, 7-6, 8-6; N Kulti and M Larsson (Swe) bt J Eagle and A Florent (Aus) 6-1, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Third round: A Sugiyama (Japan) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-3, 6-2; M Pierce (Fr) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-2, 6-2; I Majoli (Cro) bt S Ting Wang (Twn) 7-5, 6-2; A Smashnova (Isr) bt A Frazier (US) 6-1, 6-2; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Reinstadler (Aut) 6-3, 6-1; C Rubin (US) bt J Novotna (Cz) 7-6, 4-6, 8-6; K Date (Japan) bt K Nowak (Pol) 6-1, 6-3, L Davenport (US) bt M Hingis (Switz) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Fourth round: C Martinez (Sp) bt A Serra-Zanetti (It) 6-0, 6-1; S Graf (Ger) bt A Huber (Ger) 6-4, 7-5; V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 2-6, 6-0, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 6-3, 6-0; Rubin bt Sugiyama 6-2, 1-6, 6-2; Majoli (Cro) bt Pierce 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Second round: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt I Driehuis (Holl) and L Pleming (Aus) 6-1, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) and P Tarabini (Arg) bt E Martincova (Cz) and E Wagner (Ger) 7-5, 6-1; E Reinach (Russ) and I Spirlea (Rom) bt M Lindstrom and M Strandlund (Swe) 6-1, 6-3, G Sabatini (Arg) and B Schultz (Holl) bt E Likhovtseva (Russ) and C Singer (Ger) 7-6, 6-2; L Golarsa (It) and C Vis (Holl) bt N Dahlman (Fin) and K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-1, 7-5, J Halard and N Tauziat (Fr) bt E Melicharova and H Vildova (Cz) 6-2, 6-7, 6-1; P Fendick and M J Fernandez (US) bt A Dechaume (Fr) and B F Labat (Arg) 6-7, 6-3, 6-1, J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt D Prinosil (Ger) and D Rikl (Cz) 6-4, 6-1, N Arendt and L Davenport (US) bt K Habsudova and R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-0.

MIXED DOUBLES

First round: A Grossman (US) and M Knowles (Bah) bt K Boogert and M Oosting (Holl) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; Z Garrison Jackson and T Kronemann (US) bt K Adams and K Jones (US) 6-1, 3-6, 7-5, R McQuillan and D MacPherson (Aus) bt L Ghirardi and S Huet (Fr) 7-5, 6-2. Second round: E Maniokova and A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt L McNeil (US) and J Lozano (Mex) 6-1, 6-2; B Schultz (Holl) and L Jensen (US) bt H Sukova (Cz) and T Nijssen (Holl) 6-4, 6-2; R Stubbs (Aus) and B Black (Zim) bt S Stafford (US) and J Waite (US) 7-6, 6-4. C Wood (GB) and L Pimek (Bel) bt N Zvereva (Belo) and R Leach (US) 6-4, 6-4; Y Basuki (India) and K Thorne (US) bt A Coetzer and L Bale (SA) 6-2, 4-6, 8-6. L Neiland (Lat) M Woodforde (Aus) bt I Demongeot (Fr) and L Barthez (Fr) 6-2, 3-6, 11-9, G Fernandez (US) and C Suk (Cz) bt K-A Guse and J Eagle (Aus) 6-2, 6-3; J Halard and O Delaitre (Fr) bt M Strandlund and P Nyborg (Swe) 6-1, 6-2, N Medvedeva (Ukr) and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt M Oremans and H J Davids (Holl) 6-3, 6-2; P Tarabini and D Orsanic (Arg) bt M McGrath and J Stark (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, J Hetherington (Can) and J-L De Jager (SA) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) and J Fitzgerald (Aus) 7-6, 7-5; R McQuillan and D McPherson (Aus) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) and G Muller (SA) 6-4, 2-6, 6-0. Third round: Medvedeva and Haarhuis bt Wood and Pimek 1-6, 6-2, 6-0; Fernandez and Suk bt Halard and Delaitre 6-3, 6-2; N Arendt and G Van Emburgh (US) bt I Spirlea (Rom) and D Visser (SA) 7-5, 6-1.

EVEREST NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Premier division: Finals: Men: David Lloyd Bushey 4 Winchester 2. Women: Queens Club 6 Holcombe Brook 0.

STONEY STRATFORD: Reebok tour: Men: Semi-finals: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt P Martin (Avon) 6-3, 6-3; P Hands (Berks) bt D Ward (Kent) 6-2, 6-2. Final: Sapsford bt Hand 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Women: Semi-finals: J Ward (Durham) bt J Latrova (Rus) 6-4, 7-6; N Egoroca (Rus) bt S Bentley (Surrey) 6-1, 6-2. Final: Egorova bt Ward 6-3, 6-2.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, final day of three
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v West Indians

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Kent
LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Essex
TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire
HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey

University match
11.0, final day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Leicestershire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Southend: Essex v Middlesex. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Kent. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham. Old Northamptonians: Northamptonshire v Somerset. Middleton Sports Club: Sussex v Warwickshire. Old Hill: Worcestershire v Derbyshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of two): Exmouth: Devon v Cornwall. Hitchin: Hertfordshire v Norfolk. Jesmond: Northumberland v Lincolnshire. Challow and Childrey: Oxfordshire v Wiltshire. Pontarddulais: Wales v Cheshire

FOOTBALL

Toulon international under-21 tournament
Group A
Scotland v Mexico
(Bandol, 5.30)
France v South Korea
(Bormes, 5.0)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Amateur championship (Royal Liverpool and Wallasey)
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man).
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham).
RACING: Hamilton Park (2.30), Leicester (2.45), Thirsk (6.45), Windsor (6.30)
SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated) Premier League: Reading v Peterborough. Speedway Star KO Cup: Second round, second leg: Exeter v Swindon; Wolverhampton v Bradford.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

UMBRO CUP: Japan v Brazil (Goodison Park, Sky, 8.0)
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group seven: Wales v Georgia (National Stadium, 7.30).
TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: Group B: England v Brazil (Toulon, 7.0); Angola v Malaysia (Manosque, 5.30)
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: England v Canada (Helsingborg, Sweden, 6.0).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Amateur championship (Royal Liverpool and Wallasey)
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man)
RACING: Brighton (2.30), Pontefract (2.45)
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group six: Northern Ireland v Latvia (Windsor Park, 8.0). Group seven: Wales v Georgia (National Stadium, 7.30). Group eight: Faroe Islands v Scotland (Toftir, 6.0)
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group six: England v Latvia (Turf Moor, Sky, 7.30).
TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: Group A: France v Scotland [illegible]; South Korea v Mexico [illegible]

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Basingstoke: Hampshire v Leicestershire.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Australia XV v England A (Brisbane, 10.45am). Zimbabwe A v Scotland A (Mutare, 2.30).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Amateur championship (Royal Liverpool and Wallasey)
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man).
RACING: Beverley (6.30), Folkestone (6.15). Warwick (2.30), Yarmouth (2.15).
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham)

THURSDAY

CRICKET

FIRST CORNHILL INSURANCE TEST MATCH: Headingley: England v West Indies (BBC1)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire. Chelmsford: Essex v Durham. Canterbury: Kent v Gloucestershire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire. The Oval: Surrey v Somerset. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Sussex.

FOOTBALL

UMBRO CUP: England v Sweden (Elland Road, Sky, 8.0).
TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: Group B: Brazil v Angola (La Ciotat, 6.0), England v Malaysia (Six-Fours-la-Plage)
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Norway v England (Karlstad, Sweden, 7.0)

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIAN: Three-day event (Bramham).
GOLF: Amateur championship (Royal Liverpool and Wallasey).
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man)
RACING: Beverley (2.15); Chester (6.45). Perth (7.0); Southwell (AW, 2.0).
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham)

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: Group A: South Korea v Scotland (Brignoles, 6.0); France v Mexico (Aubagne, 6.0).

CRICKET

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIAN: Three-day event (Bramham)
GOLF: Amateur championship (Royal Liverpool and Wallasey)
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man).
RACING: Epsom (C4, 2.10), Catterick Bridge (2.0); Goodwood (6.40), Haydock Park (6.55); Perth (2.0).
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

UMBRO CUP: Sweden v Japan (City Ground, Sky, 2.0).
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group six: Ireland v Austria (Richmond Park, Dublin, 7.0)
TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: Group B: England v Angola (La Seyne, 5.30); Brazil v Malaysia (Draguignan, 5.30)

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Fiji v England A (Suva); Zimbabwe v Scotland A (Harare).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League: London Monarchs v Scottish Claymores (White Hart Lane, 7.0).
BOXING: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship: Steve Robinson (Cardiff, holder) v Fabrizio Cappai (It) (Cardiff). WBO cruiserweight championship (vacant): Carl Thompson (Manchester) v Ralf Rocchigiani (Ger) (Manchester).
CYCLING: Velodrome Open meeting (Manchester)
EQUESTRIAN: Three-day event (Bramham)
GOLF: Amateur championship (Royal Liverpool and Wallasey).
RACING: Doncaster (2.20), Epsom (C4, 2.00), Haydock Park (2.10), Market Rasen (6.20), Newmarket (6.40), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00), Worcester (2.55).
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

UMBRO CUP: England v Brazil (Wembley, 4.0).
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group eight: Ireland v Greece (Dublin, 4.0).

CRICKET

AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE: Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire. Chelmsford: Essex v Durham. Basingstoke: Hampshire v Leicestershire. Canterbury: Kent v Gloucestershire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire. The Oval: Surrey v Somerset. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Sussex.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIAN: Three-day event (Bramham).
MOTOR SPORT: British touring car championship (Brands Hatch).
RACING: Epsom (C4, 2.0); Uttoxeter (2.15).
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham).

POOLS CHECK

AUSTRALIAN RESULTS: Altona City 1 Regent 7, Bell Park 3 Ringwood C 0, Chelsea 1 Moorabbin 1; Clifton Hill 1 Springvale W 4; E Brunswick 1 Waverley 1; E Richmond 0 Nunawading 0; Mooroolbark 2 East Altona 0; Eltham Utd 0 Frankston 2; Keilor 1 Banyule 0; Melbourne C 1 West Vale 1; Pascoe Vale 1 Fitzroy 0, S Caulfield 0 Sth Dandenong 0; Sunbury 1 Sandringham 1; Cono 2 S Wantirna 0; Cranbourne 1 S Springvale 0; Doveton 2 Stonnington 2; Sun Heights 4 Langwarrin 1; Williamstown 0 Geelong 2; Yarraville 2 Monbulk 0, Ballarat 0 Mitcham 2, Brandon Pk 1 Melton 0; Dandenong 2 Moreland 4; Knox Pk 2 Lalor 4, N Sunshine 1 Heidelberg C 1; Old Scotch 1 Geelong R 3; Springvale C 3 Glenroy 1; Berwick City 2 Meadow Pk 1; Braeside 1 Lyndale U 4; Broadm'dows U 1 Monash 1; Brunswick C 2 Hoppers C 2; E Nunawading 1 Keysborough 1; N Glenroy 0 Mornington 0; S Yarra 2 Hampton Pk 1; Blue Eagles 2 Modbury 0; Croydon 0 Campb'town 3; Salisbury 1 Port Lion 1; Woodville 5 Adelaide R 1; Adelaide City 0 Para Hills 1; Cumberland 1 Enfield 3; Elizabeth 4 Seaford 1; Olympians 2 W Adelaide 1; Plympton 3 W T Birkalla 2; Flinders 2 Raiders SC 0; Hellenic 1 CBC C 0; Rodos 1 Ignatians 4; St Peters 2 E Sub 2; Univ (SA) 1 Messinian H 2; Amerley 1 Latrobe 1; The Gap 2 North Pine 0; Loganholme 0 Darra 2; Oxley 1 Brothers 3; South Star 0 Southside 3; Devonport 12 Somerset 0; Georgetown 2 Western Sub 2; Launceston 0 Burnie 2; St Leonards 1 Ulverstone 5; Howrah 2 Nelson 0; Kingborough 1 Metro 2.

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FORECAST: No claims required. Dividend forecast is very low with 13 score draws and 3 no-score draws.

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John Goodbody on the Chemical Bank Corporate Challenge — a three-and-a-half mile run in Battersea Park

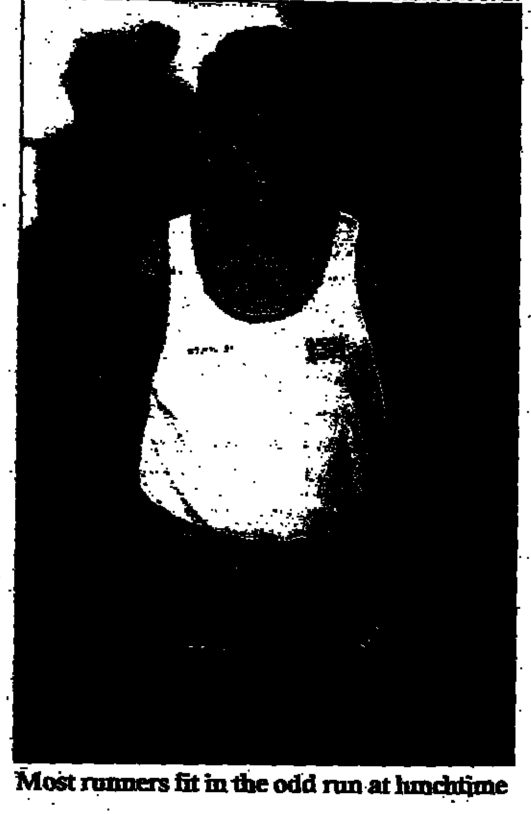
A short and sweet team run

SPORT FOR ALL

Not everyone has the time to prepare for a marathon, but everyone can complete in a 3½-mile road race. And now is the time to prove it. Steady training for five weeks and you will be ready to take part with the rest of your colleagues in the Chemical Bank Corporate Challenge at 6.45pm on Wednesday, July 12.

The race, which is being supported by *The Times*, takes place in Battersea Park, south London, and is the third largest road race in Britain. Only the London Marathon and the Great North Run have more participants. The Corporate Challenge is restricted to full-time employees of companies and corporations in the United Kingdom.

A total of 5,930 male and female runners, representing 460 companies, took part in the race last year, almost three times as many as in the first race in 1986. Of course, there were some international athletes at the front of the field last year; Eamonn Martin, winner of the 1993 London Marathon and representing Ford, was first.


STEVE SHOOTER

Most runners fit in the odd run at lunchtime

For these runners, the race acts as a qualification for the Chemical Bank final, which takes place in New York on October 7. Eighteen cities will be sending their entrants to America.

However, most runners will be those who fit in the odd run between work and home. The event brings people together to show a sense of pride in their companies and their city. Morgan Stanley sent a record number of entrants of more than 150 in 1994, many of them competing in a race for the first time as adults.

The evening does not just consist of the race; it becomes a social occasion. Colleagues, friends and family bring picnics for the runners, while others gather in the corporate tents which are erected in the park.

Many of the competitors next month will not have prepared seriously for the race. Some will not have prepared at all.

However, we do recommend that some serious running is done before the day, if only to ensure that the experience is not too painful. Unless you are used to regular physical exercise, such as squash or football, it is advisable to get clearance from your doctor before running. You cannot be too careful.

It is easy to fit in a few sessions, either before or after work or at lunchtime, when you can run or go to a gymnasium and use a treadmill, stair-climber or one of the other aerobic machines.

If you have not run regularly before, try to get in some steady jogging for 20 to 30 minutes, at least three times a week. Begin very slowly for the first two weeks, making certain that you can talk easily as you exercise. If this is an effort, you are going too fast.

However, if you are worried about your fitness to run continuously for this length of time, then alternately walk 60 yards and run 60 yards, before progressing to a steady run. Do some light stretching movements before you start exercising.

Buy a pair of shoes by going to a specialist shop. Make certain you get advice about the most appropriate pair for your ambitions.

It is always helpful to have a training partner. It can add to motivation and increases the safety of your running.

You do not have to lead a spartan existence over the next few weeks. Alcohol can be taken, provided you do not drink too much too often.

Running has also to take its place alongside your other commitments but try to exercise regularly. It will make the experience of the Chemical Bank Corporate Challenge all the more enjoyable and satisfying on July 12.

ENTRY forms for the Chemical Bank Corporate Challenge, which is organised by the London Marathon, can be obtained from 0171-620 4117. The 3½-mile team road race is open to employees of corporations, businesses and financial institutions. Companies may enter an unlimited number of runners and teams at all levels of ability.

Runners are scored on a team basis. There are three

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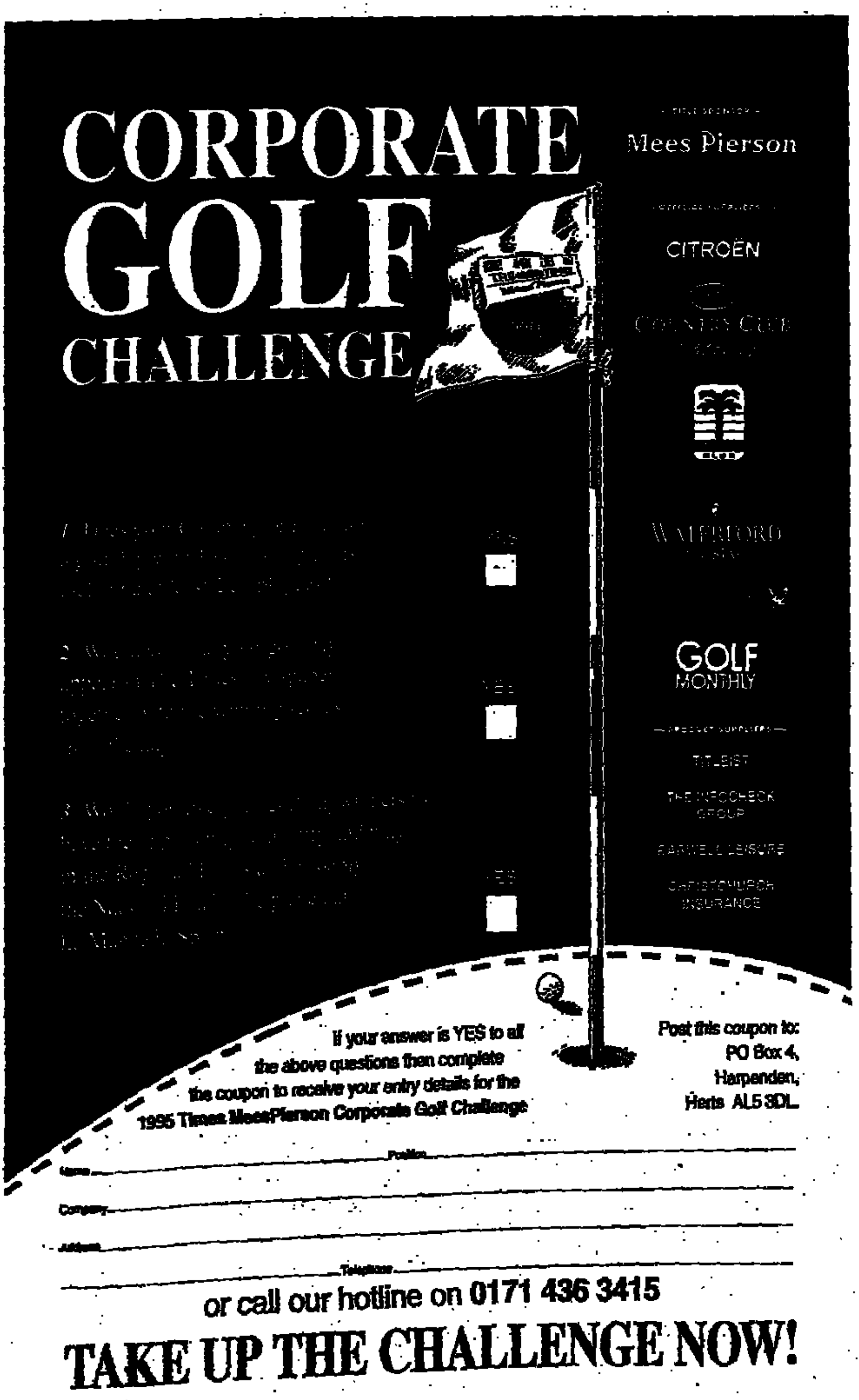
competitions: a men's event, a women's and mixed. Scoring teams consist respectively of: five men, three women and a mixed team of two men and two women. However, each runner may be placed in only one team (ie. a female runner cannot be placed in both a women's and mixed teams).

Each company appoints a captain who co-ordinates the entries and completes the score cards.

All runners note their own time, which will appear on the digital clock above the finish line, and then give their results to their captain. All times are verified by officials using CCTV and any falsification will lead to the disqualification of the whole company.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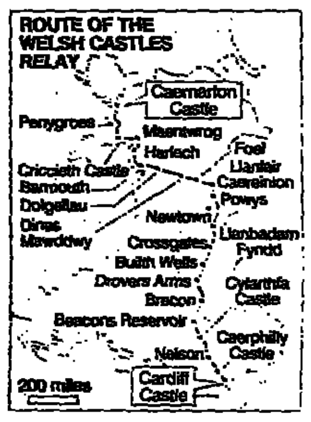
Streaming along the seafront at Barmouth, athletes in last year's Welsh Castles Relay. It is one of the most exhilarating and challenging events of its kind

Across Wales, from castle to castle

Jane Blunden looks forward to the two-day Welsh Castles Relay from Caernarvon to Cardiff Castle



One of the most exhilarating and challenging events of its kind in the UK sports calendar is the PowerGen Welsh Castles Relay, which takes place next weekend. This unique two-day road relay will bring together around 1,000 runners, from all parts of the British Isles, to race in teams from Caernarvon to Cardiff Castle — a distance of 210 miles.

The relay is raced in 20 stages. The maximum number of 45 teams is entered for this year's event. Famous names to have competed for their clubs in the past include Steve Jones, Neil Horsfield, Dennis Fowles and Steve Brace. This is the fourteenth year of the race and it has grown beyond all hopes and dreams.

"The Welsh roads, and not the sky, are the limit," Reg Rossiter, the race organiser, says. In the first castle relays from 1982 to 1985, the standard relay format was employed with each runner handing over to a team-mate at a predestined changeover point. The runners ran through the night and Mike Davies described the silence and blackness of running over the Brecon Beacons as "just running into a black hole with no ending".

Happily, the race now takes place in daylight hours so that the beauty of the Welsh countryside, with its flinty hardness of slate-filled mountains and majestic wooded hollows, can be seen. As the runners disappear into the sunlight or misty hills, fantastic stories of mythical Wales, of Norsemen and of Celts, of King Arthur and his days fill the mind as the race moves from castle to castle.

Each stage is arranged as a separate race. All the runners start their stage together when the first runner of the preceding stage arrives. Within the main event there is a "Kings and Queens of the Mountains" competition, rather like the Tour de France cycle race, in which the individuals and clubs which do the best over six of the most gruelling mountainous stages are awarded the title. This tough section of the race is sponsored by British Steel.

Tension is tangible throughout the race. John Walker, organiser of the Serpentine Running Club teams, says: "It is a hard race by any standards, but it is also great fun. It brings the best out of every runner."

Last year's "Queens of the Mountains" title was awarded to the Serpentine Ladies, who had among their team Hilary Walker, the world-record-holding ultra-distance runner. She has competed in many long-distance events, including that from Lhasa to Kathmandu in the Himalayas.

Although there is competition, teams help each other with water and directions en route. Each runner runs between 8.1 and 12.6 miles and in some stages, such as the undoubtedly difficult fifth stage on the second day, much of the course is uphill.

Between Builth Wells and Drovers Arms, the terrain is undulating for seven miles and very steep for the remaining five where the average gradient is one in five.

The big question for this year's event is whether the UK Land Forces team, which was narrowly defeated by last year's winners, Swansea Harriers, will at last claim a victory. In 1991, in an even closer race, after 19 hours of running Land Forces were beaten to the title by just 42 seconds by Les Croupiers Running Club.

This thrilling race ends at Cardiff Castle with great celebrations and an awards ceremony. The main event is sponsored by PowerGen, which has financed the relay for five years and is ensuring the future of this well-organised two days.

"The word camaraderie sums it all up," a tired but happy runner told me last year as he stretched out a hand for a pint of cold beer.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

As East at Game All, playing teams, you pick up:

♠10 ♥K76 ♦AK8 ♣KQJ832

South opens the bidding with One Spade, partner passes and to your surprise North bids Two Clubs. What do you bid? Many players, when the opponents bid a suit in which they are strong, assume the opponents are psyching. They make some wild bid to expose the psyche and get a poor result. In my experience, the most likely reason an opponent bids your suit is that he has got it. It is much better to pass and await developments.

This is what I did when I held this hand at the Spring Foursomes. The auction continued: South Two Diamonds, North 2NT, South Three Diamonds, North Three Spades, South Four Spades. I was just getting ready to double this when it came back to me when I heard my partner, Tony Forrester, double.

Like my old partner Jeremy Flint, Forrester is one of those players who has the knack of bidding your hand for you. This was the full deal:

Dealer South **Game all** **IMPs**

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            ♠J4
            ♥AQ32
            ♦52
            ♣A10654
♠Q932       N        ♠10
♥J109854  W   E      ♥K76
♦963        S        ♦AK8
♣-                   ♣KQJ832
            ♠AK8765
            ♥-
            ♦QJ1074
            ♣97
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Contract: Four spades doubled by South. Lead: Jack of hearts

Par play on the hand is for East to win the first diamond and give West a club ruff. That way the defence comes to four tricks. *In practice it didn't go like that and the declarer somewhat misread the position and went two down.After we had lost the match I asked our teammate Andrew Robson what he thought of the double. He said it was a 'Frightener Double'. You might couple that with 'Lightner' as the basis of a limerick.*

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ACESCENT
a. Sour
b. Growing bigger
c. A strong smell

XYSTER
a. An African zither
b. A bone-scraper
c. A cleg or horse-fly

AEAEAE
a. Magic
b. A wailing wake
c. A Finnish nose-whistle

ONIOMANIA
a. A passion for onions
b. Fear of crowds
c. Love of shopping

Answers on page 42

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Reunification Doubts

IN AN interview concerning his chances against Vishy Anand in the PCA World Championship match set for Cologne in September/October, Garry Kasparov said: "My chances against Anand are 6-4 in my favour, but it will be a close match. *As far as the reunification match between the Professional Chess Association and the World Chess Federation (FIDE) is concerned,* if I beat Anand and Karpov beats Kamsky in the FIDE match, then I would be prepared to defend my title." It is significant that Kasparov refused to commit himself as to whether he would actually play a reunification match if the American grandmaster, *Gata Kamsky*, were to defeat *Anatoly Karpov*. The *conditions* and *date* of the FIDE Championship have yet to be set. If Kasparov and Kamsky win their respective PCA and FIDE matches and Kasparov then refuses to play Kamsky, it would throw the whole reunification strategy between FIDE and the PCA, worked out in Moscow last year, into disarray.

Short Slips

Nigel Short's fine run in the Novgorod PCA Super-Classic was halted in round six when he was crushed by his bete noire, the *Ukranian* grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk. Short's strategy as *White against the Sicilian Defence* was supine and Ivanchuk rapidly *seized all the strategic advantages which this defence frequently offers.*

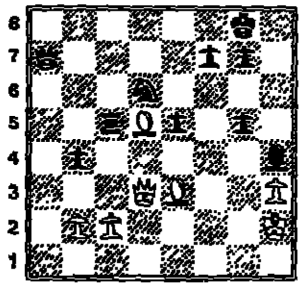
White: Nigel Short
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Novgorod, June 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	g3	e6
7	Bg2	Qc7
8	0-0	Be7
9	a4	Nc6
10	Re1	0-0
11	Be3	Ne5
12	h3	Rb8
13	Qe2	Bd7
14	g4	h6
15	Rad1	Rfc8
16	f4	Nc4
17	Bc1	e5
18	fxe5	[illegible]
19	Nb3	[illegible]
20	axb5	[illegible]
21	Kh1	[illegible]
22	Nd5	Nxd5
23	exd5	Bh4
24	Rg1	Bb5
25	d6	Qd7
26	Qe4	Rb6
27	Rd5	Rxd6
28	Nc5	Qa7
29	g5	hxg5
30	Rgd1	Rxd5
31	Rxd5	Bc6
32	Qf5	Qa8
33	Kh2	Bxd5
34	Bxd5	Nd6
35	Qd3	Qa7
36	Be3	Rxc5

White resigns

Diagram of final position

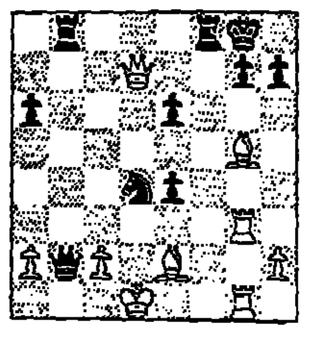


☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Westerinen - Sigurjonsson, New York, 1977. Although White is a piece up Black has tremendous threats against his king. *How did White solve his problems in dramatic fashion?*



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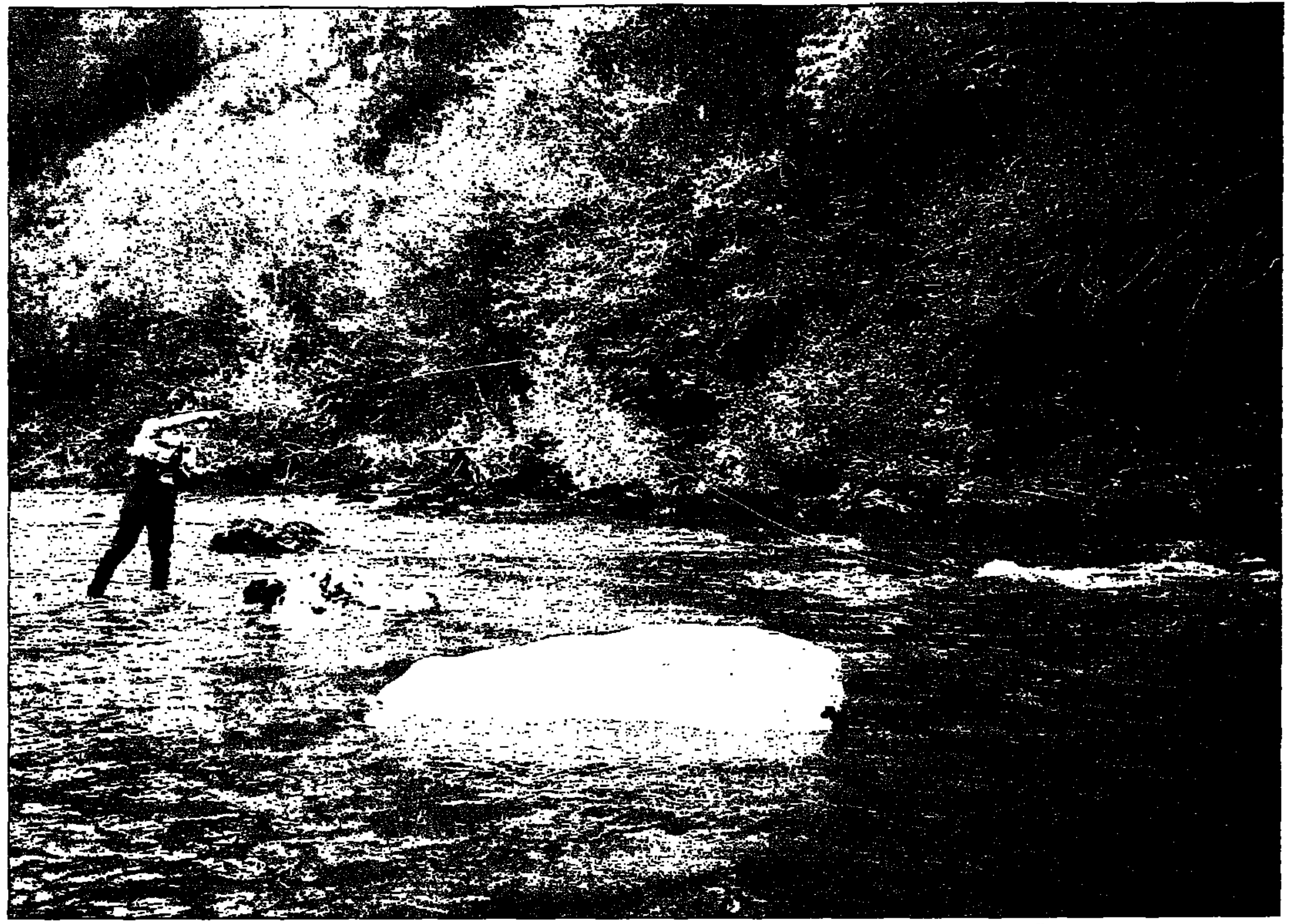
Need for traditional skills and experience undermined by indicators

Striking at heart of fly-fishing ethics

Brian Clarke on the growing use of a device that is eroding the sport's integrity



A fly-fisherman watches intently as he uses a strike indicator to drift his weighted nymph through fast-flowing water

I once had lunch with a well-known and amusing captain of industry. Apropos something or other, I raised the then topical question of business ethics. He looked at me with mock-incredulity and leant over the table. "Ethics? Ethics? That's the name of a county in southern England, isn't it?"

In angling, "ethics" is the name of a deep, dark pit full of hissing and biting things. It is the subject above all subjects that most sensible commentators give a wide berth, or else turn over with a long stick while their head is averted, for fear of what might lie beneath.

The subject has been brought forward by recent correspondence in some of the angling press and, at personal level, by my discovery on the floor of a fishing hut on one of the most hallowed and traditionally-fished chalk streams in the land, of two small, buoyant, brightly coloured plastic pads about the size of a little fingernail.

The two adhesive pads, each looking like an old-fashioned corn plaster without the hole, are strike indicators. They are stuck together on either side of the fly-fisher's nylon leader. They originated in America and their purpose was to give a visible indication of a take when a weighted nymph was being fished deep through fast, turbulent water. Because the slight pulls of a taking trout on floating nylon can be hard to see, and because America has a lot of fast, wide rivers, the strike indicator became accepted there.

But, of late, strike indicators have been finding their way to Britain and they are being used in all manner of situations not originally intended, because of the advantages they offer. In one typical circumstance they are being used to fish weighted nymphs on very ordinary streams — including, if my own visit was anything to go by, the slowest and most stately of chalk streams.

Normally, when an angler fishes a sunken nymph on a small stream, he has to watch the end of the nylon leader on the water, at the place where it passes through the surface towards the fly. If that stretch of nylon hesitates or twitches or is pulled down, the angler strikes because such movement often signals a take. Such takes can be seen by anyone whose sight is good enough to follow a floating fly, but they require great concentration and considerable experience to spot regularly. To use a strike indicator, which is simply pulled under the surface, removes the element of skill from the whole process.

In another application, the indicator is being used on lakes and even on small ponds. The weighted nymph is cast out and sinks. When it has submerged the length of line between it and the floating indicator, the indicator buoys it up and the nymph is left to drift and dangle from it.

In other words, the indicator is used as a float and when a fish takes, the bite is again obvious. By varying the length of line between the indicator and the nymph, the nymph can be float-fished at a predetermined depth for as long as required — again taking out all the skill that such fishing normally requires.

The question is about the ethics of this and the extent to which such practices are consistent with the sport of fly-fishing as most people know it.

Enter the hissing and biting things. How is fly-fishing to be defined?

At one time, fly-fishing was simply the fooling of fish on feathered confections on hooks attached to horsehair. Then fly designs got better and flies that imitated natural insects emerged. New fly-tying materials were developed. Waterproofing agents were formulated so that dry flies could be made to float much longer. Lead and copper wire were incorporated to make sinking flies sink faster and deeper.

Horsehair lines gave way to silk, which gave way to modern, synthetic lines that can be designed to float all day or to sink at pretty well any rate desired. Hazel and hickory rods gave way to greenheart, greenheart gave way to split cane, split cane has almost completely given way to carbon fibre and boron.

In the main, this steady evolution has been welcomed. Many developments have taken the drudgery out of fly-fishing mechanics and made the angler more affective. At each stage, as always, a few have objected and have quite properly gone their own way.

And so again the question: where is fly-fishing, "traditional" fly-fishing, in all of this? The sport has frequently been moved forward by technology, there are no written "rules" and there is no prescriptive governing body to enforce them, even if there were. Everything is left to the instincts and sense of fair play of the individual and the lines that individual fishery owners care to draw. If we do not like what we see, we can vote with our feet. Few of us would have it otherwise.

And yet to many, the idea of float-fishing a nymph on a small still-water or a slowly paced stream, as a means of removing all skill from the process, is a shift of the goalposts.

Those who use such devices will certainly claim the strike indicator used in the ways described is merely another example of incremental change. But in this way, large-scale, commercially sponsored competitive fishing, even on precious, wild rivers, is rationalised by the argument that some people have always fished competitively. In the same way, the records system has been brought down by fish farmers who have grown and then stocked trout known to be above the existing record weight so that pot-bellied porkers could be caught on a prescribed day, in front of clicking cameras, and for the tinselled publicity that could be generated.

> 'Everything is left to the instincts and sense of fair play of the individual'

None of these things can be stopped and in a host of ways the integrity of the sport would be diminished if they could. There are, quite rightly, as many views on what fair fly-fishing is as there are fly-fishers who fish and every view is as validly held as the next. At the same time, many, myself included, will feel that the integrity of the sport is being eroded as things stand, little by little, increment by increment.

But then ethics is a county in southern England, isn't it?

☐ *Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.*

Redgrave and Pinsent power to Hazewinkel hat-trick

By Mike Rosewell

STEVE REDGRAVE and Matthew Pinsent won three gold medals at the Hazewinkel International Regatta over the weekend. The Olympic and world rowing champions won the coxless pairs in dominant fashion yesterday and took the coxed fours, with their American Leander club colleagues, Laird Reid and Jo Michels, on both Saturday and Sunday.

Their Sunday fours final was only an hour after their pairs victory but, although trailing early in the race, they were under control and rowed through to win by just over a length from Italy. The intention at the moment is that both these boats will be raced at Henley this year.

The British eight, without their usual stroke and six man, Richard Rodgers and Matthew Parrish, who are involved in examinations, failed to reproduce their winning Piediluco form and finished fourth on Saturday. They improved this to a close bronze-medal placing yesterday in a blanket finish with Poland and Italy.

Problems continued to beset the coxless four, third in the world last September with the Searle brothers, the Olympic champions, on board. They finished fourth on Saturday after Jonny Searle had been sick on Friday evening. Greg Searle then went down with tonsillitis and the crew scratched yesterday, although their mates, Tim Foster and Rupert Obholzer, managed to get a late entry into the coxed pairs and won gold with some ease.

Terry O'Neill, Britain's sculling coach, had a mixed weekend with his crews. His newly formed quad were never on the pace in their Saturday race, when they finished fourth, and their misfortunes continued yesterday when one of their sculls snapped in the final. Things looked brighter for the new double of Rob Thatcher and James Cracknell, who have clearly gained pace since Piediluco. They finished a good second on Saturday, beaten only by the German world champions, Steiner and Volkert, and ahead of the Hungarians, who were fourth in the 1994 world championships. The British looked more tired yesterday when finishing fourth.

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Bruno's bid for world title to be staged at Wembley

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

FRANK BRUNO returned yesterday to the scene of his first world title defeat nine years ago, Wembley Stadium, and vowed that he will lift the world heavyweight title when he meets Oliver McCall, the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, at the stadium on July 22.

Nigel Benn will defend his WBC super-middleweight title, against an opponent yet to be picked, on the same bill. The promotion would be the biggest boxing event to be staged in Britain, costing more than £20 million to put on. A record crowd of 65,000 is expected, one that will outstrip by 11,000 the attendance at the stadium that saw Bruno knocked out in the eleventh round by Tim Witherspoon in 1986. Takings of the gate are likely to exceed £4 million.

Despite being stopped in his two other world title challenges — in the fifth round by Mike Tyson and in the seventh by Lennox Lewis — Bruno has held on to the dream of being world champion.

"It's going to be the title this time," Bruno said. "It's this dream that has been driving me on. More than the money. I just can't wait for the fight. These Americans think if a guy comes from London he's soft. I'm more mature, stronger and wiser and better balanced now.

"McCall's chin hasn't been tested by a banger like me. He doesn't like jabbers. And when he gets hit he backs off. I thank God he has given me the opportunity to fight for the world title."

Frank Warren, who is putting on the show together with Don King, the American promoter, also believes Bruno will win. "I think Bruno will become world champion," Warren said. "Styles make fights. I've seen McCall against Larry Holmes and I think Frank, with his straight shots — he's got tremendous jabs and power — will knock him out. I know McCall takes a shot but he's there to be hit."

Benn will choose his opponent next week. He has been given a list of names from the top ten and said he would not box anyone his arch rival, Chris Eubank, had met or a middleweight moving up to super-middleweight. He did not want anybody to suffer injuries like his last opponent, Gerald McClellan, received.

RACING RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.10 (1m) 1, Overpower (Steve Smith Eccles, 10-1); 2, Aljawab (7-4 fav); 3, Blue Grit (11-1). 12 ran. Nk, hd. M Tompkins. Tote: £12.20; £2.50, £1.30, £3.20. DF: £19.00. Trio: £110.40. CSF: £26.70. Tricast: £188.53.

2.40 (6f) 1, Tagula (M Hills, 14-1); 2, Tumbleweed Ridge (7-1); 3, Modern Day (11-4 fav). 10 ran. 5l, hd. I Balding. Tote: £13.90; £3.00, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £77.00. Trio: £63.80. CSF: £97.32.

3.10 (1m) 1, Bin Rosie (D R McCabe, 100-30); 2, Empty Quarter (10-1); 3, Bend Wavy (25-1). Marocco 7-4 fav. 12 ran. 5l, hd. D Loder. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £2.50, £7.60. DF: £20.60. Trio: £235.50. CSF: £35.76.

3.40 (6f) 1, Perryston View (M Birch, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Bold Effort (16-1); 3, French Grit (10-1); 4, Coastal Bluff (9-1). Muchtarak 5-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. ½l, nk. P Calver. Tote: £6.70; £2.10, £6.00, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £127.00. Trio: £477.00. CSF: £82.84. Tricast: £733.97.

4.15 (6f) 1, Baaderah (L Dettori, 3-1); 2, Branston Abby (4-1); 3, Triple Joy (9-2). Tanami 11-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Welsh Mist. Nk, 1½l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £11.40. Trio: £12.30. CSF: £14.71.

4.45 (5f) 1, Princess Oberon (M Hills, 6-1); 2, Saint Express (14-1); 3, Moujeeb (7-1). Name The Tune 7-2 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, 2½l. M Bell. Tote: £7.70; £2.70, £4.60, £2.20. DF: £61.60. Trio: £370.30. CSF: £78.86. Tricast: £556.02.

5.20 (1m 6f) 1, Pedraza (W Ryan, 7-4 fav); 2, General Assembly (9-4); 3, Ahla (33-1). 9 ran. 1l, 7l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.10, £5.30. DF: £2.50. Trio: £117.50. CSF: £6.00.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,667.61 carried forward to Leicester today).

Placepot: £347.00. Quadpot: £49.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: good

2.00 (1m 2f) 1, At Liberty (R Perham, 7-1); 2, Grand Selection (5-1); 3, Pearl Venture (16-1). United Front 11-4 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, 9l. R Hannon. Tote: £9.80; £2.10, £1.70, £3.60. DF: £16.70. CSF: £36.91. Tricast: £464.59.

2.30 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Waiting (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Marsoom (13-8); 3, Golden Ball (5-4 fav). 5 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. P Cole. Tote: £5.70; £2.00, £1.70. DF: £8.10. CSF: £12.74.

3.00 (6f) 1, Roger The Butler (M Fenton, 6-1); 2, Fard (5-1); 3, Cool Jazz (8-1). Wavian 9-2 fav. 9 ran. 1¾l, hd. M Bell. Tote: £7.40; £2.00, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £17.00. Trio: £68.10. CSF: £33.73.

3.30 (5f) 1, Capture The Moment (D Biggs, 13-8 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Essentialselection (9-1); 3, Rowlandsons Charm (25-1). 11 ran. ½l, 1½l. R Williams. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £12.20. Trio: £172.00. CSF: £16.69.

4.00 (7f 140yd) 1, Cyrano's Lad (C Dwyer, 33-1); 2, Girl From Ipanema (6-5 fav); 3, Jaleica (3-1). 5 ran. Nk, 2½l. John Berry. Tote: £17.80; £2.20, £1.60. DF: £13.70. CSF: £58.22.

4.30 (6f) 1, La Petite Fusee (Stephen Davies, 9-2); 2, Dashing Dancer (5-1); 3, Hall Tone (10-1). Tharwa 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 3l, 1¾l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £6.40; £2.60, £2.20, £3.20. DF: £13.50. Trio: £58.80. CSF: £25.86. Tricast: £197.25.

Placepot: £191.70. Quadpot: £24.40.

Ayr

2.25 1, Zalotti (4-1); 2, Mesk Flower (5-2); 3, Elmswood (5-1). Manone Rose 15-8 fav. 6 ran.

2.55 1, Rich Glow (4-1); 2, Croft Imperial (5-1); 3, Ned's Bonanza (11-2). Tenor 7-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Kenesha.

3.25 1, Highbrook (7-4 fav); 2, Latvian (3-1); 3, Hit The Canvas (3-1). 4 ran.

3.55 1, What's The Verdict (6-4 fav); 2, Simand (3-1); 3, Mudlark (9-4). 6 ran.

4.25 1, Silvicolous (7-4 jt-fav); 2, Verde Luna (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Diamond Crown (5-2). 6 ran. NR: Daytime Dawn.

4.55 1, Nordic Breeze (5-1); 2, Flyaway Blues (5-2 fav); 3, Celebration Cake (10-1). 11 ran. NR: Seenthelight.

Catterick Bridge

2.15 1, Lila Pedigo (5-4 fav); 2, Catwalk Girl (11-2); 3, Sovitaka (9-2). 9 ran. NR: Pathaze.

2.45 1, Mister Rm (9-1); 2, Dr Caligari (7-2); 3, Boldina Bay (Evens fav). 5 ran.

3.15 1, Karinska (10-1); 2, Wilshe Gan (5-1); 3, Celestial Choir (5-1). Knobbleeneeze 3-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Chiming In.

3.45 1, Russian Heroine (8-1); 2, Polly Garter (11-2); 3, Legal Issue (7-4 fav). 11 ran. NR: Ine Mon.

4.15 1, Snow Dream (5-1); 2, Mosheajir (7-2); 3, Northern Kingdom (10-1). Mizyan 9-4 fav. 6 ran.

4.45 1, Penny's Wishing (5-1); 2, Mousehole (11-4); 3, Ligurian (5-1). Bollin Frank 2-1 fav. 7 ran.

Kempton Park

6.30 1, Sooty Tern (9-1); 2, Bellas Gate Boy (8-1); 3, Lady Lacey (9-1); 4, Runic Symbol (7-1). Roi De La Mer 3-1 fav. 16 ran.

7.00 1, Vena (11-2); 2, Hagwah (11-8 fav); 3, Rosy Hue (10-1). 12 ran.

7.30 1, Chattaroy (9-1); 2, Dance Band (4-1 fav); 3, Christmas Kiss (7-1). 11 ran. NR: Landlord.

8.00 1, Ya Malak (16-1); 2, Evening-performance (13-8 fav); 3, Royale Figurine (16-1). 10 ran.

8.30 1, Amrak Ajeeb (7-2 jt-fav); 2, Supreme Thought (14-1); 3, Direct Dial (20-1). Never Explain 7-2 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Backhander, Press Again.

9.00 1, Crespo (100-30 fav); 2, Mr Browning (7-2); 3, The French Friar (8-1). 10 ran.

Southwell

6.15 1, Northern Optimist (11-4 fav); 2, Magic Bloom (6-1); 3, Reeling (3-1). 6 ran.

6.45 1, Castle Blue (7-2); 2, Powder Boy (3-1 fav); 3, Mirage Dancer (16-1). 9 ran. NR: Fibreguide Tech.

7.15 1, Heresthedeal (9-2); 2, New Inn (8-11 fav); 3, Dawn Flight (8-1). 9 ran.

7.45 1, Suvla Bay (7-4 fav); 2, Lisaleen Wren (16-1); 3, Rochansare (10-3). 8 ran.

8.15 1, Cluricán (9-2); 2, Simply George (5-2 fav); 3, Exclusion (7-1). 12 ran.

8.45 1, Abelene (9-2); 2, Marsh's Law (13-8 fav); 3, Tel E Thon (25-1). 9 ran. NR: Chadwick's Ginger, Have A Nightcap.

Stratford

Going: good

2.50 1, Sophism (11-10 fav); 2, Srivijaya (5-1); 3, Here He Comes (5-2). 10 ran. NR: Gayton Run.

3.20 1, Wise Approach (2-1 fav); 2, Errant Knight (5-2); 3, Wind Force (5-2). 5 ran. NR: Ardcroney Chief.

3.50 1, Bedestan (11-4); 2, Secret Four (12-1); 3, Glandalane Lady (5-2 fav). 13 ran.

4.25 1, Hermes Harvest (8-1); 2, Honest Word (5-1); 3, Andrelot (14-1). Faithful Star 3-1 fav. 16 ran.

4.55 1, Oh So Bright (9-4 fav); 2, Laughing Gas (9-2); 3, Norman's Convinced (33-1). 11 ran.

5.25 1, Real Progress (11-4); 2, Diamond Fort (4-1); 3, Petty Bridge (12-1). Copper Mine 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Woodlands Genhire.

5.55 1, Symbol Of Success (11-4); 2, Blair Castle (11-4); 3, Gallardini (7-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Nordic Valley.

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Express Trading Corporation Limited
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 11th July 1995, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Messrs Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated 31st May 1995 Jamie Taylor - Liquidator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Booth White 58 New Road Chatham, on the 12 June 1995, at 11.05am, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on, by, or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this day of 30 May 1995
Peter Anthony Lawrence and Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

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Dated this 24th day of May 1995
M. FORD
Director

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Booth White 58 New Road Chatham, on the 12 June 1995, at 11.00am, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on, by, or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this day of 25 May 1995
Peter Anthony Lawrence and Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the Person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
FARMER, BERNARD LEONARD of THE MOAT HOUSE, SCOLE COMMON, DISS, NORFOLK died on 30TH APRIL 1995 particulars to HAMLIN SLOWE Solicitors of ROXBURGHE HOUSE, 273/287 REGENT STREET, LONDON W1A 4SQ before 13TH AUGUST

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.30 Cape Pigeon. 7.00 Oggi. 7.30 First Fiddler. 8.00 *Wandering Minstrel.* 8.30 *Scenic Dancer.* 9.00 Meghdoot.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.30 DUELLO.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
7.30 FIRST FIDDLER (nap). 8.00 Sagasan.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.30 SCHOLTES SELLING STAKES

(£2,688: 1m 67yd) (14 runners)

1	(7)	-351	GUESSTIMATION 5 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 5-9-12	G Bardwell	81
2	(12)	10-4	CAPE PIGEON 35 (V,D,F,G,S) L Cottrell 10-9-7	L Dettori	85
3	(11)	0000	DOODIES POOL 12 (D,G) G L Moore 5-9-7	B Rouse	79
4	(3)	-235	DUELLO 35 M Blanshard 4-9-7	Stephen Davies	[illegible]
5	(14)	-040	GLOWING ACCOUNT 12 (B) J Mullins 4-9-7	J Williams	69
6	(5)	300-	MOROCCO 223 (D,F,S) M Channon 6-9-7	R Hughes	84
7	(2)	0-60	SMART TEACHER 7 (D,F) K Burke 5-9-7	M Fenton	73
8	(1)	540-	VANROY 180 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Jenkins 11-9-7	T Quinn	74
9	(9)	00	BROUGHTONS BIRD 6 W Musson 4-9-2	S Whitworth	–
10	(6)	00-	FLASH APPEAL 167 R Guest 4-9-2	A Whelan (5)	–
11	(10)	0	JULIA'S FREEBEE 7 T Jones 4-9-2	R Perham	–
12	(8)	01-6	MOVE WITH EDES 32 (F) W G M Turner 3-8-10	A Clark	85
13	(4)	3534	SPITFIRE BRIDGE 9 M McCormack 3-8-10	M Perrett	80
14	(13)	66-0	KEEP QUIET 17 W Musson 3-8-5	G Hind	90

9-2 Guesstimation, 6-1 Vanroy, Duello, 7-1 Move With Edes, 8-1 Spitfire Bridge, Morocco, Cape Pigeon, 10-1 others.

7.00 ARISTON BUILT IN LIMITED STAKES

(£4,016: 5f 217yd) (14)

1	(4)	2615	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 10 (D,G) R O'Sullivan 7-9-10	R Cochrane	88
2	(3)	0231	OGGI 5 (B,D,G) P Makin 4-9-10	L Dettori	95
3	(8)	01-0	ADMIRALS REALM 12 (D,F) A Newcombe 6-9-7	A Clark	80
4	(1)	4550	DOMICKSKY 5 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 7-9-7	R Hughes	93
5	(2)	2-02	PERFECT BRAVE 12 D Elsworth 4-9-7	A Procter (5)	82
6	(11)	35-3	SPECTACLE JIM 149 (B,BF,CD,G) J O'Donoghue 6-9-7	M Perrett	73
7	(9)	2322	ANOTHER JADE 4 (D,G,S) A Jarvis 5-9-5	B Thomson	[illegible]
8	(6)	0015	TINKER OSMASTON 7 (D,F) M Saunders 4-9-5	J Williams	95
9	(12)	00-6	LADY-BO-K 24 (D,F,G) J Wilson 4-9-2	R Hills	95
10	(14)	13-0	MADURAI 49 (D,S) J Dunlop 4-9-2	T Quinn	96
11	(13)	-003	PATSY GRIMES 12 (D,G,S) L Holt 5-9-2	A McGlone	94
12	(7)	06-0	MALIBU MAN 7 S Mellor 3-8-10	A Daly (7)	73
13	(5)	300-	MAYBE TODAY 210 B Millman 3-8-7	M Fenton	89
14	(10)	0-36	SECOND CELLO 16 D Morris 3-8-7	R Price	92

5-1 Oggi, 6-1 Another Jade, 7-1 Tinker Osmaston, 8-1 Domicksky, 9-1 others.

7.30 ARISTON CONDITIONS STAKES

SKY

(2-Y-O: £5,313: 5f 10yd) (12)

1	(7)	521	SONIC MAIL 23 (D,F) K McAuliffe 9-3	R Cochrane	94
2	(5)	5	CHARTERHOUSE XPRES 21 M McCormack 8-11	A Clark	86
3	(11)		CROCODILE SHOES R Hannon 8-11	R Hughes	–
4	(1)		ED'S FOLLY S Dow 8-11	Stephen Davies	–
5	(8)		FAIRY PRINCE Mrs A King 8-11	A Garth	–
6	(12)	32	FIRST FIDDLER 16 W Jarvis 8-11	B Thomson	[illegible]
7	(9)	0	LA TANSANI 15 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill (7)	–
8	(3)	0	VOLA VIA 18 I Balding 8-11	L Dettori	83
9	(10)	1	AMY LEIGH 21 (D,G) J Wilson 8-10	R Hills	92
10	(2)	136	HOTLIPS HOULIHAN 6 (D,F) R Williams 8-10	D Biggs	91
11	(4)	P	MIMOSA 13 L Holt 8-6	M Fenton	–
12	(6)	5	QUEEN'S MUSIC 17 P Cole 8-6	T Quinn	91

7-2 First Fiddler, 5-1 Queen's Music, Charterhouse Xpres, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Arbuthnot, 4 winners from 20 runners, 20.0%; R Hannon, 40 from 211, 19.0%; I Balding, 8 from 43, 18.6%; P Makin, 7 from 39, 17.9%; J Dunlop, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 18 winners from 106 rides, 17.0%; R Cochrane, 15 from 100, 15.0%; Stephen Davies, 5 from 34, 14.7%; R Hills, 6 from 44, 13.6%; T Quinn, 13 from 123, 10.6%. Only qualifiers.

8.00 INDESIT HANDICAP

SKY

(3-Y-O: £4,850: 1m 67yd) (21)

1	(8)	43-6	MAGICAL BLUES 17 (B) K Ivory 9-7	M Tebbutt	95
2	(9)	10-	PETINDIA 213 (G) J Pearce 9-6	G Bardwell	88
3	(17)	45-0	OAKBURY 49 R Hannon 9-4	S Raymont	90
4	(12)	40-0	RUN-DO-RUN 23 H Collingridge 9-0	R Hughes	91
5	(14)	5-62	WANDERING MINSTREL 16 J Eustace 9-0	R Cochrane	91
6	(13)	0-50	ALERTING 18 I Balding 8-11	L Dettori	85
7	(15)	140-	LEES PLEASE 210 (D,F,S) K C-Brown 8-11	S Whitworth	98
8	(10)	60-0	SILKS AND STUDS 42 J White 8-10	S Drowne (5)	85
9	(4)	50-0	JEWEL TRADER 16 C Benstead 8-9	J Williams	85
10	(7)	333-	SALTIS 231 D Arbuthnot 8-8	B Thomson	84
11	(6)	5-40	NOBLE NEPTUNE 37 W Musson 8-8	G Hind	93
12	(20)	004-	JUST-MANA-MOU 208 G Lewis 8-8	A Whelan (5)	83
13	(15)	4-00	SPORTING RISK 18 P Harris 8-8	G Duffield	93
14	(19)	0-00	ROCK OYSTER 34 B Meehan 8-6	B Doyle	85
15	(11)	-520	COURT NAP 9 S Mellor 8-5	R Perham	87
16	(2)	0-00	SENAAN 23 T Thomson Jones 8-5	R Hills	89
17	(18)	00-0	ANISTOP 28 R Akehurst 8-5	T Quinn	90
18	(21)	-500	TARA COLLEEN 7 (G) C Horgan 8-4	E Johnson	90
19	(3)	-000	CLASSIC PET 18 C Horgan 8-1	N Adams	89
20	(1)	-300	SOBELOVED 18 M Channon 8-1	G Rutter	[illegible]
21	(5)	-004	PEDALTOTHEMETAL 10 P Mitchell 8-0	S O'Gorman	93

4-1 Wandering Minstrel, 7-1 Pedaltothemetal, Saltis, 8-1 Tara Colleen, 12-1 Just-Mana-Mou, Anistop, Lees Please. 14-1 others.

8.30 ONANDONANDON HANDICAP

SKY

(£3,350: 1m 3f 135yd) (20)

1	(16)	0204	SAGASAN 35 (G) W Muir 4-10-0	A McGlone	92
2	(10)	13-6	QUIVIRA 7 (CD,F) T Clement 4-9-12	R Hills	92
3	(8)	/01-	BIRD ISLAND 304J (F) J White 4-9-12	G Duffield	85
4	(1)	00/	PULMICORT 76J (V,D,S) P Burgoyne 5-9-11	B Rouse	–
5	(17)	/03	PLATINI 7 (V) G Balding 4-9-11	R Painter (5)	88
6	(3)	43-0	SAAFI 12 R Baker 4-9-10	B Powell	97
7	(11)	100-	SUPREME STAR 249 (CD,F) P Hedger 4-9-7	Stephen Davies	88
8	(13)	0024	BOLD MICK 7 (S) D Murray Smith 4-9-5	L Dettori	98
9	(20)	600-	CASUAL WATER 24J (F) A Newcombe 4-9-4	R Hughes	88
10	(2)	00-3	SCENIC DANCER 16 (CD,F,G,S) A Hide 7-9-4	J Williams	96
11	(9)	000-	VLADIVOSTOK 332 R Lee 5-9-3	M Perrett	–
12	(15)	0-03	WIZZY LIZZY 14 D Elsworth 4-9-2	A Whelan (5)	97
13	(7)	00-0	SAFE SECRET 7 R Brotherton 4-9-2	R Price	96
14	(14)	20-0	SINCLAIR LAD 10 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-9-1	S Drowne (5)	95
15	(6)	30-R	BEE BEAT 9 (CD,F) A Chamberlain 7-8-13	Martin Dwyer (7)	96
16	(4)	0034	HI-AUD 21 (F) J Akehurst 3-8-12	T Quinn	98
17	(12)	00-0	FORMIDABLE LASS 35 L Cottrell 4-8-10	M Fenton	88
18	(19)	0-00	BORN TO PLEASE 14 P Harris 3-8-10	R Cochrane	94
19	(18)	0-60	CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 12 (S) R Akehurst 4-8-9	B Thomson	[illegible]
20	(5)	4000	CHEVELEY DANCER 17 D Wilson 7-8-6	N Adams	87

5-1 Wizzy Lizzy, 6-1 Scenic Dancer, 7-1 Hi-Aud, 8-1 Quivira, Bird Island, 12-1 Bold Mick, 14-1 Sagasan, 16-1 others.

9.00 NEW WORLD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £4,159: 1m 2f 7yd) (21)

1	(1)	30	ANONYM 14 J Dunlop 9-0	B Thomson	89
2	(6)		ARDLEIGH PRINCE G L Moore 9-0	S Whitworth	–
3	(11)	0-06	BRAYDON FOREST 28 C Drew 9-0	R Cochrane	86
4	(12)		CHALKY DANCER H Collingridge 9-0	R Price	–
5	(16)		DAZZLER M Campion 9-0	C Avery	–
6	(7)	60	GEORGE BULL 21 W Hern 9-0	Paul Eddery	87
7	(3)	00	LAUDATION 7 G Balding 9-0	J Williams	78
8	(15)	000-	MANS PASSION 272 J White 9-0	G Duffield	–
9	(19)	00-	MEMORY'S MUSIC 250 I Balding 9-0	S O'Gorman	–
10	(14)	0-	MESSUN DORO 228 S Mellor 9-0	R Perham	–
11	(9)	04	NIKNAKS NEPHEW 16 Miss A Whitfield 9-0	R Painter (5)	86
12	(2)		NOBBY NORTH Lord Huntingdon 9-0	Aimee Cook (7)	–
13	(5)		OTTAVIO FARNESE A Hide 9-0	A McGlone	–
14	(13)		PAINTED HALL J Toller 9-0	W Newnes	–
15	(19)	00-	SIRIUS 250 C Weedon 9-0	M Perrett	–
16	(21)	-454	ZIDAC 11 P Makin 9-0	T Quinn	98
17	(20)	0-62	BARFORD SOVEREIGN 13 J Fanshawe 8-9	R Hills	97
18	(17)	2-	BEYOND DOUBT 277 Lord Huntingdon 8-9	L Dettori	[illegible]
19	(4)	6-50	BROOKE WOOD 104 Miss B Sanders 8-9	Stephen Davies	–
20	(10)	25-4	MEGHDOOT 21 H Collingridge 8-9	J Quinn	–
21	(8)		SOLAZZI L Cottrell 8-9	M Fenton	–

5-1 Meghdoot, 11-2 Zidac, 6-1 Niknaks Nephew, Beyond Doubt, 7-1 Anonym, 8-1 [illegible], Nobby North, Barford Sovereign, 10-1 others.

JUMP LEADERS

FINAL STANDINGS: TRAINERS: M Pipe, 137 winners; Mrs M Reveley, 100; D Nicholson, 96; P Hobbs, 86; N Twiston-Davies, 81; K Bailey, 72; J White, 52; O Sherwood, 48; J Gifford, 47.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 160 winners; A Maguire, 130; N Williamson, 130; J Osborne, 111; P Niven, 106, D Bridgwater, 78; A P McCoy, 74; M A Fitzgerald, 68; W Marston, 66; M Dwyer, 65

LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since wnr	Level stakes
J Berry	41	28	41	1	-121.41
R Hannon	36	31	33	1	-144.40
M Johnston	33	45	38	1	-101.86
R Hollinshead	33	35	44	6	-105.27
J Gosden	32	19	20	1	+4.68
M Channon	31	27	27	2	-28.73

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	
L Dettori	91	79	68	8	[illegible]
J Weaver	72	68	61	8	[illegible]
K Darley	57	45	40	[illegible]	[illegible]
R Cochrane	45	33	40	5	[illegible]
Pat Eddery	41	24	24	[illegible]	[illegible]
J Carroll	40	28	25	4	[illegible]

[illegible]

French Derby success draws on perspiration before inspiration

Celtic Swing digs deep for victory

From Julian Muscat
at Chantilly

ED BYRNE

Celtic Swing, centre, is driven out by Darley to hold the determined challenge of Poliglote, rails, in the Prix du Jockey-Club yesterday

CELTIC SWING battled his way to victory in the Emirats Arabes Unis Prix du Jockey-Club, the French Derby, at Chantilly yesterday to keep alive the dreams of those closest to him.

However, in winning by half a length and a short head from Poliglote and the fast-finishing Winged Love, Celtic Swing failed to impose himself on what appeared no more than a promising collection of French colts. Before the race there were conflicting views on which was the best home-trained candidate, suggesting there was no outstanding colt among them.

That will matter little to Peter Savill, Celtic Swing's owner, whose decision to miss the Epsom Derby has been much maligned. Savill had clearly made the right decision; it is unlikely the colt's effort here would have won him the Blue Riband.

Celtic Swing looked poised to turn the race into a procession when he tracked Poliglote into the home straight after a moderate early gallop. Freddie Head had taken a number of positions aboard the hard-pulling Poliglote, but he still had plenty to offer as Kevin Darley brought Celtic Swing alongside more than two furlongs from the finish.

Darley asked his mount to take the initiative and Celtic Swing responded to take a length's advantage. Yet he could not shake off the determined Poliglote, who fought back along the inside rail. Darley, sensing danger, got to work on Celtic Swing, whose tendency to idle was reflected by his pricked ears. It was as well Celtic Swing rallied to the call, for by now Winged Love was in full flight. Although Winged Love closed throughout the final 100 yards, Darley and Celtic Swing were never under real threat.

After leading in his colt, an elated Savill recounted his feelings on the race's closing stages. "I have never, ever seen a horse race go on as long — I thought it was never going to end," he said. "Those last three furlongs were horrendous. I was petrified in the final 100 yards. My heart was pounding. All I know is that Celtic Swing won, and that's all I care about."

Walter Swinburn, riding Classic Cliche, saw things very differently. Swinburn was not helped when a stalls handler slapped Classic Cliche's hind quarters as the colt left the stalls, prompting him to race too freely. Having eventually settled Classic Cliche, Swinburn found himself trapped behind a wall of horses when the race developed in earnest. "I was an unlucky loser," the jockey said. "I think I might have won otherwise."

Classic Cliche was not alone. Diamond Mix and his stablemate, Walk On Mix, suffered interference in a rough race. The fancied Riyapour was bogged down in the ground, although he and Poliglote could renew rivalry with Celtic Swing in the Irish Derby.

Perhaps the hysteria surrounding Celtic Swing can now be allowed to subside. Talented horse that he undoubtedly is, the son of Damister is not all he has been cracked up to be. These conditions were all to his advantage, yet he failed to take an exacting toll of his opponents.

It has been deflating to witness Celtic Swing's elevation to superstar status on the basis of his romp through the Doncaster mud in October. He had yet to prove himself in the highest class. It is greatly to Celtic Swing's credit that he has now won a classic: that he is not all-dominant is hardly his fault.

Savill's persistent defence of his rerouting the colt here must have taxed him to the point of boredom. But as he emerged from the Chantilly crowd to welcome his horse, the full extent of his pleasure became abundantly clear. He wore the look of a man vindicated at the end of a tiresome few days.

"I don't want to think about anything except a good celebration tonight," he said in response to questions about a possible Epsom Derby attempt. Realistically, that option is now non-existent. The Irish Derby marks the next occasion he might clash with Pennekamp, although the feeling here is that a Derby victory for Pennekamp would see him rested for a tilt at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

André Fabre, who trains both Pennekamp and Winged Love, is well placed to assess Celtic Swing's true merit. Winged Love took part in the gallop involving Pennekamp and Carnegie last week, and Ladbrokes, quick to make the connection, trimmed Pennekamp's Derby odds to 5-4.

Whatever the future holds, Celtic Swing yesterday provided a first classic victory for Savill, Darley and Lady Herries. That is an experience they will never forget.

Flemensfirth finished with a flourish for fifth but his trainer, John Gosden, enjoyed better luck when Torrential held the late thrust of Annus Mirabilis in the group one Prix Jean Prat.

Going: good

3.15 LES EMIRATS ARABES UNIS PRIX DU JOCKEY-CLUB (Group I: 3-Y-O colts and fillies: £299,401: 1m 4f)

CELTIC SWING br c Damister - Celtic Ring (P Savill) 9-2 K Darley 1.
Poliglote b c Sadler's Wells - Alexandrie (J Wertheimer) 9-2 F Head 2.
Winged Love b c In The Wings - J'ai Deux Amours (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-2 O Peslier 3.

ALSO RAN: Classic Cliche (4th), Flemensfirth (5th), Diamond Mix (6th), Affidavit (7th), Riyapour (8th), Walk On Mix (9th), Indian Light (10th), Commoner. 11 ran. NR: Fifty Four. ½l, sh hd, 2l, sh hd, 2l, ½l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 2.00; 1.80, 2.30, 5.30. DF: 17.30 2min 32.8sec.

Nap: BATTLESHIP BRUCE
(3.15 Leicester)
Next best: Sonic Mail
(7.30 Windsor)

No substitute for breeding in Epsom arena

Almost as contentious as a debate on the best postwar thoroughbreds would be their optimum racing distance. Shergar, for instance, was best at 12 furlongs, the distance for which he was bred. But that is not true of Nijinsky, Sir Ivor and Dancing Brave, who excelled at a variety of distances.

They were exceptional racehorses, as much for their ability as their versatility. Dancing Brave handsomely won the 2,000 Guineas from the subsequent July Cup winner, Green Desert, yet it took a colt of his class to master the hitherto unbeaten Bering in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over 12 furlongs. The son of Lyphard was not bred to be competitive at 12 furlongs but his abundant class sustained him over that trip.

This blend of speed and stamina differentiates the great from the good. And that is why Pennekamp, a son of Bering, holds so much promise. He demonstrated electric speed at the end of the 2,000 Guineas, now he must sustain that speed over the Derby trip.

Pennekamp's trainer, André Fabre, has said that the best Derby winners were not bred for 12 furlongs but nevertheless excelled at the distance. Doubtless he was thinking of Nijinsky, Sir Ivor and Dancing Brave. But therein lies the rub.

Resolute gallopers like Reference Point will sap the finishing speed from all but the exceptional horse. They may not be in Reference Point's league, but Sebastian, Munwar and Presenting are gallopers enough to test Pennekamp's stamina.

What initially inspired confidence in Pennekamp's ability to land a Derby was that his sire, Bering, excelled over 12 furlongs. Furthermore, there is plenty of high-class stamina on his dam's (mother's) side. Yet doubts are introduced by Bering's record as a sire, as opposed to his racecourse achievements. Bering's best progeny have excelled at around a mile, and Pennekamp summoned such speed at Newmarket that he might slot into that mould. However, Pennekamp's class may yet prove the most potent weapon on Derby day.

It would be a surprise were Spectrum as effective over 12 furlongs as he is over a mile. His dam, River Dancer, was best at distances short of a mile. But of more significance is the racing record of her previous progeny. River Dancer has bred a five-furlong winner by Ela-Mana-Mou, himself a strong stamina influence. And to Niniski, another laden with stamina, she bred a winner over ten furlongs. We have seen Spectrum's speed; to win the Derby, he must prove himself the rule's exception.

As for the gallopers, Munwar has stamina in abundance: what he lacks is speed. Sebastian shares many traits with his owner's 1985 Derby winner, Slip Anchor. Like Tamure, a son of Sadler's Wells and the Oaks third, Three Tails, Sebastian will not lack for stamina. However, Presenting has a weak link. His dam, D'Azy, turned in her best performance when second in the Queen Mary Stakes over five furlongs.

Here, therefore, is a layman's guide to the stamina credentials of Derby runners. An allowance for the class of each horse has been taken into account. Anything with an index below seven would not conform to what has come to be expected of a Derby winner's pedigree: Court Of Honour 6, Humbel 7, Istidaad 6, Lammtara 8, Munwar 7, Pennekamp 8, Presenting 6, Riyadian 6, Salmon Ladder 5, Sebastian 9, Spectrum 6, Tamure 9, Vettori 5.

JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing commentary

Jones has further success at Exmoor

HANDSOME HARVEY kept his unbeaten record when winning the ladies' open under Pip Jones at the Exmoor point-to-point on Saturday (Brian Beel writes).

Handsome Harvey's win brought Jones to 20 for the season, one behind second placed Shirley Vickery, although the title belongs to Polly Curling. Jones had earlier finished second on Clobracken Lad in the confined, ten lengths behind The Doormaker, who provided Ben Trickey with a first success.

The 500-mile round trip to Bratton Down for Alastair Crow and Equity Player proved fruitless in furthering his cause for the riders' title. Held up and with every chance two out in the four-mile open, Equity Player, who had drifted from 5-4 to 3-1, found nothing in reserve and was beaten into third place behind Myliege and The General's Drum.

Myliege at 100-30 was the first leg of a 38-1 double for Neil Harris, completed in the maiden on Hensue. He was well clear three out and held on to win by five lengths from Front Cover, whose chance went when hitting the second last.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: Exmoor (Bratton Down) Hunt: 1, Charmers Wish (H Thomas, 3-1); 2, Chocolate Buttons; 3, Coral Harbour. 8 ran. BFSS: 1, Chilipour (G Maundrell, 1-5 fav); 2, Quentin Lodge; 3, Good Holidays. 6 ran. Confined: 1, The Doormaker (B Trickey, 14-1); 2, Clobracken Lad; 3, Fellow Sioux. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Handsome Harvey (Miss P Jones, 10-11 fav); 2, Auction Law; 3, Cantantivy. 6 ran. Open: 1, Myliege (N Harris, 100-30); 2, The General's Drum; 3, Equity Player. 10 ran. Open mdn: 1, Hensue (N Harris, 8-1); 2, Front Cover; 3, Morchard Milly. 13 ran

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THUNDERER

2.45 Applaud
3.15 BATTLESHIP BRUCE (nap)
3.45 Melodic Drive
4.15 Bring On The Choir
4.45 Zahran
5.15 Access Carnival

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WOLVEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,092: 5f 2yd) (8 runners)

101	(1)		APPLAUD (Fisal Salman) D Loder 8-11	L Dettori	–
102	(4)		ICHOR (D Sieff) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	–
103	(2)	5	NELLIE NORTH 18 (G Greenwood) Mrs M McCourt 8-11	R Studholme (7)	75
104	(7)	2	OMARA 17 (BF) (F Hinojosa) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	94
105	(5)	6	PACIFIC GROVE 7 (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	71
106	(8)	0	POPPY MY LOVE 30 (R Dawson) B McMahon 8-11	A Mackay	–
107	(3)		PRIDDY FAIR (P Asquith) R Boss 8-11	G Duffield	–
108	(6)	2	WATCH ME 16 (S Sohail) R Hannon 8-11	W R Swinburn	[illegible]

BETTING: 9-4 Omara, 11-4 Applaud, 3-1 Watch Me, 8-1 Pacific Grove, 7-1 Ichor, 10-1 Priddy Fair, 12-1 others.

1994: MAID FOR WALKING 8-11 L Dettori (4-7 fav) D Loder 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

APPLAUD (Foaled: Jan 13; Cost: £225,000). First foal; dam placed in North America. ICHOR (Apr 11). By Primo Dominio: dam juvenile 5f winner. NELLIE NORTH 6½l 5th to Repertory in maiden at Salisbury (5f, good). OMARA 1¼l 2nd to Paloma Bay in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). PACIFIC GROVE 7l 6th to Solar Crystal in maiden here (6f, good to firm). WATCH ME 1l 2nd of 11 to Amazing Bay in maiden at Newbury (5f, good to firm).
Selection: APPLAUD

3.15 OLD DALBY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,817: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

201	(4)	01-406	KINGS ASSEMBLY 16 (S) (The Eventopolis A) P Harris 9-7	M Fenton	90
202	(6)	124000	BATTLESHIP BRUCE 15 (D,G,S) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 9-5	L Dettori	89
203	(3)	06-05	ZALAMENT 9 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 9-2	B Thomson	85
204	(18)	0360-60	STYLISH INTERVAL 18 (The Butch Partnership) R Hodges 9-2	S Drowne (5)	96
205	(7)	000	ZUNO FLYER 29 (V Fatah) G Lewis 9-0	W Ryan	88
206	(11)	606-00	DANCE OF JOY 28 (Sir Gordon Brunton) J Dunlop 8-12	W Carson	89
207	(12)	4320-44	KHAN 11 (S Brown) C Thornton 8-11	A Mackay	91
208	(19)	6000-02	EURO SINGER 9 (Fahima Brickwell) R Akehurst 8-11	T Quinn	85
209	(16)	5-13034	KEVASINGO 9 (G) (G Steinberg) S Dow 8-10	Stephen Davies	85
210	(14)	1000-05	RAMBO WALTZER 58 (G) (Keystone Racing Club) S Norton 8-10	M Tebbutt	94
211	(10)	00-0	LAAL 47 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-9	W R Swinburn	94
212	(1)	000-0	WET PATCH 41 (P Hammond) R Hannon 8-9	R Hughes	97
213	(13)	00400-0	TIROLETTE 28 (R Morris Jr) R Williams 8-7	R Cochrane	86
214	(2)	064-000	NOSIRRAH 9 (J Hanlsen) C Horgan 8-6	T Williams	89
215	(15)	530-000	OUTSTAYED WELCOME 13 (Mrs B Bell) M Haynes 8-6	R Hills	97
216	(5)	020	CALLONESCY 95 (C Olley) C Brittain 8-6	B Doyle	87
217	(8)	560-6	PIONEER PRINCESS 41 (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 8-5	D Biggs	86
218	(9)	04006-0	GOOD 17 (W Coleman) D Thom 8-5	D R McCabe (3)	98
219	(17)	00-0000	MAGICAL BID 10 (G Fry) J Bradley 8-2	J Quinn	[illegible]

BETTING: 4-1 Euro Singer, 5-1 Kevasingo, 6-1 Khan, 7-1 Kings Assembly, 10-1 Battleship Bruce, 14-1 others.

1994: NORTHERN BAILIWICK 9-2 J Williams (8-1) D Barons 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

BATTLESHIP BRUCE 10l 14th of 25 to Zajko in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm). KHAN 4¾l 4th of 8 to Nigel's Lad in handicap at Newcastle (1m, good). EURO SINGER 1¼l 2nd to Good Selection in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm) with KEVASINGO (2lb better off) 1l 4th and NOSIRRAH (7lb better off) 21l 11th. KEVASINGO 8¾l 2nd of 18 to Blaze Of Song in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good) with NOSIRRAH (11lb better off) 8¾l 7th and STYLISH INTERVAL (7lb better off) 9l 16th. RAMBO WALTZER 8¾l 5th of 10 to The Stager in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). TIROLETTE 10l 7th to Blaze Of Song in rated stakes at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good) with DANCE OF JOY 7l 8th.
Selection: KHAN

3.45 HICKLING SELLING HANDICAP (£3,430: 5f 218yd) (22 runners)

301	(13)	000063	FRIENDLY BRAVE 24 (S) (T Mills) T Mills 5-10-0	J Connolly (7)	89
302	(14)	50000-0	MELODIC DRIVE 21 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs C Stevens) J Glover 5-9-10	S D Williams	80
303	(9)	6002-06	AS SUCH 10 (G) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 4-9-9	G Duffield	80
304	(11)	06-0532	PETRACO 4 (D,G,S) (P Williams) N Smith 7-9-9	L Dettori	91
305	(4)	008460	GREY TOPPA 3 (F,G) (R Wheatley) N Littmoden 4-9-7	C Teague (5)	80
306	(10)	050604	BOLD CYRANO 28 (Millbrook Associates) B Palling 4-9-6	T Sprake	88
307	(16)	060165-	OLD COMRADES 219 (BF,D,F,G) (P Dennis) T Barron 8-9-6	J Fortune	84
308	(17)	005506	WADERS DREAM 16 (V,D,F) (R Berenson) Pat Mitchell 6-9-0	M Fenton	86
309	(12)	4/000-00	THE RIGHT TIME 12 (D,F,G,S) (J Myers) J Parkes 10-8-13	G Carter	78
310	(6)	636-000	NORDMAN LASS 21 (Jadeclif Ltd) Miss J Doyle 3-8-13	R Hughes	84
311	(3)	00400-0	RED SLANEY 17 (R Armstrong) R Akehurst 4-8-12	T Quinn	95
312	(3)	0000-36	ASTERIX 30J (V,D,F,G) (C Hart) J Bradley 7-8-10	S Drowne (5)	84
313	(22)	0335-03	ABIGAILS BOY 54 (D,S) (D Johnson) J Scargill 6-8-8	D Wright (3)	82
314	(8)	0040-05	GOODY FOUR SHOES 12 (D,F,S) (S Barrett) A Newcombe 7-8-7	D Griffiths (5)	–
315	(7)	251000	TITANIUM HONDA 9 (G) (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 4-8-5	B Doyle	90
316	(15)	0000-00	OUT OF THE MIST 10 (B) (D Lowe) J Pickering 4-8-4	J Quinn	80
317	(20)	00/0000-	WESSHAUN 40P (Mrs A Sims) W G M Turner 5-8-4	Stephen Davies	–
318	(19)	0-28062	JERSEY BELLE 32 (D Poole) P Makin 3-8-3	N Carlisle	90
319	(18)	506000	COALISLAND 17 (B,S) (P McKernan) R Ingram 5-8-3	A McGlone	80
320	(21)	0800-00	DRUM SERGEANT 28 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs L Parkes) J Parkes 8-8-3	D R McCabe (3)	–
321	(9)	06-0000	LUCY'S GOLD 16 (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-8-2	D Biggs	80
322	(2)	00-0600	SIMPLY SIMON 21 (T Boston) K Burke 3-7-13	A Tucker	[illegible]

BETTING: 6-1 Jersey Belle, 7-1 Petraco, 8-1 Friendly Brave, 9-1 Titanium Honda, Grey Toppa, 10-1 others.

1994: CROSS MARS 7-8-13 S Whitworth (12-1) R Simpson 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRIENDLY BRAVE 7½l 3rd to Bernard Seven in conditions race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). PETRACO 1¾l 2nd to Giggleswick Girl in rated stakes at Carlisle (5f, good). WADERS DREAM 2l 6th to Lift Boy in seller at Lingfield (5f, good to firm) with LUCY'S GOLD (1lb better off) 4l 12th. ASTERIX 3¾l 3rd to Double Splendour at handicap at Nottingham (6f, good). ABIGAILS BOY 3l 3rd to Panther in handicap at Hamilton (6f, soft). JERSEY BELLE 2¾l 2nd to We're Joken in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f).
Selection: PETRACO

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 COSSINGTON MERCEDES SPRINTER FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,534: 7f 9yd) (8 runners)

401	(7)	31	CAP AND GOWN 23 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	77
402	(5)	5-42655	DEE-LADY 9 (F) (Mrs M Teversham) W G M Turner 9-0	G Duffield	90
403	(2)	1-3	FAR FETCHED 32 (G) (Lord and S Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	L Dettori	91
404	(1)	14-3	KARAYB 17 (F) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	W Carson	95
405	(3)	32-1	MOONLIGHT SAUNTER 31 (D,G) (M Al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	W R Swinburn	80
406	(4)	1-	PRIVATE LINE 244 (D,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	75
407	(8)	401-000	BRING ON THE CHOIR 17 (S) (B Gover) R Boss 8-12	R Hills	[illegible]
408	(6)	0	LADY NASH 31 (Mrs J Costelloe) C Brittain 8-10	B Doyle	67

BETTING: 7-2 Karayb, 4-1 Far Fetched, 9-2 Moonlight Saunter, 5-1 Dee-Lady, 11-2 Private Line, 6-1 Cap And Gown, 7-1 Bring On The Choir, 33-1 Lady Nash.

1994: KISSING COUSIN 9-4 W Ryan (3-1) H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAP AND GOWN beat Jahfad a head in maiden at Bath (1m, firm). DEE-LADY 8l last of 5 to Peace Envoy in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm). Earlier around 2¾l 5th of 8 to Spout in listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good) with BRING ON THE CHOIR (2lb better off) 7l 7th. FAR FETCHED 1l 3rd of 8 to Stamanic in conditions race at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). KARAYB 3½l 3rd of 7 to Epagris in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). MOONLIGHT SAUNTER beat Lucky Soph ¾l in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good) with LADY NASH (4lb better off) 7¼l last. PRIVATE LINE beat Supermaid ½l in maiden at Warwick (7f, soft).
Selection: KARAYB

4.45 SWANNINGTON CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,225: 1m 8yd) (10 runners)

501	(8)	000-06	DARING RYDE 10 (Mrs L Barnett) J Smith 4-9-7	G Carter	89
502	(10)	00	CHARLIE-DON'T SURF 8 (Hut'N'Hitch Racing) R Thompson 3-9-2	N Adams	–
503	(4)	00-	HEIGHTH OF FAME 252 (R Cave) S Christian 4-9-1	W Ryan	–
504	(3)	05000-0	CANNY LAD 9 (V) (Mrs M Dunning) M Bielby 5-8-13	R Cochrane	78
505	(7)	410000	ZAHRAN 7 (D,F,G) (D Smith (Sed)) J Bradley 4-8-13	S Drowne (5)	[illegible]
506	(2)	005-00	DELMOUR 7 (D Shagsby) W Brisbourne 4-8-11	Martin Dwyer (7)	–
507	(1)	20/3330-	FLASH ARROW 198J (D) (R Flegg) J Parkes 5-8-11	M Deering	–
508	(9)	6/300-00	LORD ALFIE 9 (B,F,G) (K Garcon) B Meehan 6-8-11	B Doyle	81
509	(6)	500-000	MUTINIQUE 14 (S) (Mrs M Bell) B Pearce 4-8-6	D R McCabe (3)	92
510	(5)	0	NITA'S CHOICE 18 (Atlantic Racing Club) A Newcombe 5-8-6	D Griffiths (5)	–

BETTING: 6-4 Zahran, 7-2 Heighth Of Fame, 4-1 Mutinique, 7-1 Daring Ryde, 12-1 Lord Alfie, 16-1 Canny Lad, 25-1 others.

1994: B B GLEN 4-8-6 C Hodgson (12-1) D Morris 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARING RYDE 4¼l 6th of 19 to Scent Of Power in apprentice jockeys' maiden handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). CHARLIE-DON'T SURF 27l last of 13 to Vindaloo in claimer over course and distance (1m, good).
HEIGHTH OF FAME 21l 10th of 17 to Touring in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). CANNY LAD 14l 8th of 14 to Glowing Jade in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Doncaster (7f, good).
ZAHRAN 11l 7th of 13 to Chilton Fox in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). DELMOUR 19l 18th of 19 to Lady Highfield in selling handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm). FLASH ARROW 18l 12th of 20 to Quantity Surveyor in claimer at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). LORD ALFIE 25l 18th of 22 to Polly Peculiar in amateur riders' handicap at Warwick (1m, good). MUTINIQUE 19l 10th of 13 to Ayubi in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd).
Selection: ZAHRAN

5.15 LADBROKE HANDICAP
(£3,302: 1m 3f 183yd) (9 runners)

601	(6)	1-22401	CHATHAM ISLAND 9 (D,F,G) (B Vook) C Brittain 7-10-1	B Doyle	98
602	(2)	211244-	MINNESOTA VIKING 248 (BF,D,F,G) (C Green) Lady Herries 4-9-11	P Doe (7)	94
603	(7)	050-10	BOLD LOOK 17 (B,C,F) (The Bold Team) P Harris 4-9-5	G Duffield	97
604	(5)	05800-6	ACCESS CARNIVAL 35 (Miss E Williams) R Boss 4-9-1	W Ryan	91
605	(3)	112205	STEVIE'S WONDER 12 (D,G,S) (Newmarket Consortium) M Ryan 5-8-12	G Carter	83
606	(9)	45050-4	COLLEGE DON 10 (J Coupland) M Bielby 4-8-11	R Cochrane	88
607	(4)	510544	FATHER DAN 8 (F,G) (Wessex Fin Racing) Miss G Kelleway 6-8-5	S Drowne (5)	[illegible]
608	(1)	400-005	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 17 (D,G) W Musson 5-8-3	D R McCabe (3)	93
609	(8)	2406-00	JEAN DE FLORETTE 129 (J Purcell) John Berry 4-7-12	J Quinn	–

BETTING: 11-4 Chatham Island, 7-2 Father Dan, 9-2 Minnesota Viking, 5-1 Access Carnival, 6-1 Bold Look, 10-1 College Don, Stevie's Wonder, 12-1 others.

1994: JOLIS ABSENT 4-9-0 G Bardwell (2-1 fav) M Ryan 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHATHAM ISLAND beat Swallows Dream 4l in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). MINNESOTA VIKING 7¼l 4th of 9 to Acting Brave in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). BOLD LOOK 9½l 7th of 16 to Smart Generation in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good). ACCESS CARNIVAL 5l 6th of 14 to Hazard A Guess in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm). STEVIE'S WONDER 3¾l 5th of 19 to Royal Rabbit in claiming handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). COLLEGE DON 8l 4th of 13 to Admirals Secret in handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, good). FATHER DAN 2¾l 4th of 15 to Aljesca in handicap here (1m 2f, good). BROUGHTONS FORMULA 14¾l 6th of 10 to Requested in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good). JEAN DE FLORETTE 51l 10th of 11 to Gold Blade in amateur riders' handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f).
Selection: BOLD LOOK

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	4	11	36.4	L Dettori	30	159	18.9
H Cecil	19	81	23.5	W Carson	22	119	18.5
J Dunlop	16	92	17.4	W R Swinburn	13	81	16.0
H Thomson Jones	3	18	16.7	T Quinn	20	144	13.9
R Hannon	27	164	16.5	W Ryan	20	165	12.1
R Akehurst	4	25	16.0	M Fenton	3	27	11.1

THIRSK

THUNDERER
6.45 Subfusk. 7.15 Break The Rules. 7.45 Bayrak. 8.15 Calder King. 8.45 Manabar. 9.15 Baileys Sunset.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.15 Tajar.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

6.45 PICKERING SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,132: 6f) (10 runners)

1	15	SUBFUSK 11 (D,G) W G M Turner 9-0	P McCabe (5) 2
2		CHILLY LOOKS M W Easterby 8-9	S Maloney 5
3		ESTHER LOUISE M W Easterby 8-9	Ruth Coulter (7) 10
4	34	GRIMSTONE GIRL 11 M W Easterby 8-9	L Charnock 9
5	0	HOW COULD-I 15 M H Easterby 8-9	M Birch 4
6	4	JAMBO 13 M Channon 8-9	J Fortune 8
7	6	KLIPSPINGER 7 B Rothwell 8-9	J Stack (5) 6
8	3	MISS IMPULSE 10 J Wharton 8-9	A Mackay 7
9		MY KIND J Berry 8-9	J Carroll 1
10	0	SUPREME SCHOLAR 7 B Murray 8-9	G Parkin (7) 3

11-4 My Kind, 7-2 Subfusk, 5-1 Jambo, 8-1 Grimstone Girl, 8-1 Miss Impulse, 10-1 How Could-I, Chilly Looks, 12-1 others.

7.15 BEDALE LIMITED STAKES
SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,143: 7f) (7)

1	-102	HEATHYARDS MAGIC 24 (BF,G) R Hollinshead 9-0	W R Swinburn 7
2	140-	BREAK THE RULES 298 (S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11	K Darley 2
3	65-0	CONTRACT VENTURE 9 W Jarvis 8-11	J Weaver 6
4	20-0	SEVENTEENS LUCKY 21 Bob Jones 8-11	N Connorton 5
5	0-06	TAJAR 17 D Morley 8-11	W Carson 4
6	56-4	BELLE OF THE BALL 17 E Dunlop 8-6	J Tate (3) 3
7	2-04	HEY UP DOLLY 28 J Berry 8-6	J Carroll 1

3-1 Belle Of The Ball, 7-2 Break The Rules, Heathyards Magic, 5-1 Hey Up Dolly, 6-1 Tajar, Contract Venture, 20-1 Seventeens Lucky.

7.45 BUSINESS FURNITURE CENTRE (HOLDINGS) HANDICAP (£3,806: 1m 4f) (7)
SKY

1	1451	BAYRAK 7 (CD,G,S) M Ryan 5-10-2 (5ex)	J Weaver 6
2	0045	LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 9 (D,F,G) Bob Jones 7-10-0	M Wigham 7
3	-241	MR TOWSER 40 (D,G) W Haigh 4-9-5	J Tate (3) 3
4	1142	SHAKIYR 25 (D,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-5	K Darley 2
5	3-1	SENORITA DINERO 18 (G) M Stoute 3-9-2	W R Swinburn 4
6	3-03	SWIVEL 10 J Fanshawe 3-8-5	J Carroll 1
7	310-	PERSIAN SOLDIER 275 (CD,F,G) E Alston 8-7-13	P Robinson 5

5-4 Senorita Dinero, 7-2 Bayrak, 9-2 Swivel, 7-1 Shakiyr, 8-1 Mr Towser, 10-1 Lookingforarainbow, 20-1 Persian Soldier

8.15 SALTERSGATE HANDICAP
SKY
(£3,948: 1m) (14)

1	2204	TU OPES 14 (V,D,F,G) J L Harris 4-9-13	S Sanders (3) 11
2	6223	JUST HARRY 7 (D,F,G) M Ryan 4-9-11	W R Swinburn 3
3	4036	FIRST GOLD 9 (F,G,S) J Wharton 6-9-9	K Darley 13
4	6004	BENTICO 7 (B,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-9	J Weaver 9
5	0300	CALDER KING 4 (B,CD,F,S) J Eyre 4-9-8	S D Williams 8
6	-351	VANBOROUGH LAD 14 (D,F,G,S) M Bolton 6-9-2	P Robinson 5
7	600-	LEAVE IT TO LIB 214 (CD,F) P Calver 8-9-2	J Tate (3) 7
8	1366	THATCHED 6 (D,F) R Barr 5-8-7	S Webster 6
9	0030	GANT BLEU 7 (C,D,F,G,S) R Whitaker 8-8-4	A Culhane 1
10	1146	MAROWINS 25 (D,G) E Alston 6-8-3	K Fallon 10
11	0-00	FARFELDS PRINCE 28 D Nicholls 3-8-3	N Connorton 2
12	60-0	WILD PROSPECT 4 (F,G,S) B Rothwell 7-8-1	S Maloney 12
13	0-00	BORROWBY 10 (B) M W Easterby 3-7-11	L Charnock 4
14	40-0	HEAVENS ABOVE 13 M H Easterby 3-7-9	N Carlisle 14

4-1 Just Harry, 5-1 Vanborough Lad, 7-1 First Gold, 8-1 Bentico, Calder King, 10-1 Tu Opes, Marowins, 12-1 others.

8.45 SPROXTON MAIDEN STAKES
SKY
(£3,806: 1m) (5)

1	5	GOLDEN TONGUE 13 E Dunlop 3-8-12	W R Swinburn 1
2	43	HOUGHTON VENTURE 28 S Woods 3-8-12	K Darley 2
3		IHTIMAAM Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-12	N Connorton 5
4	2-3	MANABAR 28 D Morley 3-8-12	W Carson 4
5	4	MY GINA 7 M Stoute 3-8-7	J Tate (3) 3

2-1 Houghton Venture, 5-2 My Gina, 3-1 Manabar, Golden Tongue, 16-1 Ihtimaam.

9.15 LEEMING BAR HANDICAP (£4,235: 5f) (13)

1	6-10	HICKORY BLUE 15 (V,D,F) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-0	J Weaver 2
2	0-00	HIGH DOMAIN 17 (D,G,S) T Barron 4-10-0	Kimberley Hart (7) 7
3	1-02	SUPERPRIDE 17 (S) T Barron 3-9-8	J Fortune 13
4	6645	TENOR 2 (CD,G) D Nicholls 4-9-7	Alex Greaves 4
5	000-	MISS MOVIE WORLD 259 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 6-9-4	J Stack (5) 12
6	06-6	TINO TERE 11 (D,F,G) J Balding 6-9-4	J Edmunds (7) 1
7	-030	CRAIGIE BOY 16 (B,G,S) N Bycroft 5-9-4	Dean McKeown 9
8	2414	BAILEYS SUNSET 42 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-11	D Holland 11
9	1005	SIR TASKER 17 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 7-8-11	S Sanders (3) 8
10	0-31	LADY SHERIFF 17 (B,CD,F) M W Easterby 4-8-8	L Charnock 3
11	-006	THE NOBLE OAK 12 (D,F,G) M Bolton 7-8-7	P Robinson 6
12	4635	KALAR 11 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 6-7-13	N Carlisle 10
13	00-6	FLORAC 152 (D,F) J Balding 5-7-7	Claire Balding 5

3-1 Hickory Blue, 7-2 Lady Sheriff, 6-1 Superpride, Baileys Sunset, 8-1 Tenor, 10-1 Craigie Boy, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; J Fanshawe, 5 from 19, 26.3%; W G M Turner, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Stoute, 5 from 31, 16.1%; M Johnston, 14 from 89, 15.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 15 winners from 74 rides, 20.3%; J Tate, 4 from 28, 14.3%; D Holland, 4 from 30, 13.3%; J Carroll, 13 from 114, 11.4%; K Fallon, 11 from 98, 11.2%; N Connorton, 8 from 78, 10.3%.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
2.30 Essayeffsee. 3.00 Power Game. 3.30 Diet. 4.00 Lucky Bea. 4.30 Domitia. 5.00 Lord Advocate.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 OUDENAARDE HANDICAP
(£3,759: 1m 1f 36yd) (5 runners)

1	0000	TALENTED TING 15 (V,CD,F,G) P Haslam 6-9-10	J Weaver 2
2	3222	WENTBRIDGE LAD 9 (V,D,BF,G,S) P Evans 5-9-4	S Sanders (3) 1
3	50-1	SCARABEN 40J (C,S) S Kettlewell 7-9-2	J Carroll 4
4	5-52	ESSAYEFFSEE 8 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-13	K Darley 5
5	0-66	AMNESIA 4 (C,G) Mrs S Bradburne 4-8-6	P Robinson 3

5-4 Essayeffsee, 3-1 Scaraben, Wentbridge Lad, 6-1 Talented Ting, 14-1 Amnesia.

3.00 RAPID RACELINE CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,409: 6f 5yd) (3)

1	21	RED RIVER VALLEY 16 (C,F) Denys Smith 8-12	J Weaver 2
2	3	POWER GAME 10 J Berry 8-10	J Carroll 1
3	1323	SATELLITE STAR 10 (F) M Channon 8-5	K Darley 3

5-4 Red River Valley, 7-4 Power Game, 9-4 Satellite Star.

3.30 HEADLAM FLOORING HANDICAP
(£3,811: 6f 5yd) (8)

1	60-0	INDIAHRA 25 (G,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-10	J Carroll 2
2	5358	BIRCHWOOD SUN 7 (B,D,F,G,S) M Dods 5-9-6	J Weaver 4
3	0006	MU-ARRIK 25 (V,D,F,G) G Oldroyd 7-9-6	K Fallon 3
4	-260	SAKHAROV 36 (D,F,G) M Johnston 6-9-6	K Darley 5
5	00-4	MURRAY'S MAZDA 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 6-9-0	S Sanders (3) 1
6	1004	DIET 2 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-8-12	N Connorton 6
7	0500	SUEBORO 4 R McKellar 5-8-7	P Fessey (7) 7
8	500-	VALLEY OF TIME 325 (F) D Nolan 7-7-7	N Varley (5) 8

5-2 Sakharov, 11-4 Murray's Mazda, 9-2 Diet, 5-1 Indiahra, 7-1 Birchwood Sun, 8-1 Mu-Arrik, 10-1 others.

4.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MANDORA MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,736: 5f 4yd) (4)

1		CRAIGNAIRN J Berry 9-0	J Carroll 1
2	0023	LUCKY BEA 21 M W Easterby 9-0	K Darley 3
3	033	SILVERDALE KNIGHT 3 K Hogg 9-0	J Weaver 2
4		DANCING DOT Miss L Perratt 8-9	N Connorton 4

5-4 Craignairn, 6-4 Lucky Bea, 7-2 Silverdale Knight, 14-1 Dancing Dot.

4.30 RAMILLES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,647: 1m 3f 16yd) (3)

1	006	CROSS TALK 17 R Hollinshead 9-0	K Darley 1
2	042	SAYYED ALRAQS 16 M Jarvis 9-0	P Robinson 2
3	6-52	DOMITIA 10 M Bell 8-9	J Weaver 3

Evens Domitia, 6-4 Sayyed Alraqs, 9-2 Cross Talk.

5.00 BLENHEIM HANDICAP
(£3,741: 1m 5f 9yd) (7)

1	6-06	CHANTRY BEATH 7 (C,G) C Thornton 4-9-10	Dean McKeown 6
2	0-23	FEARLESS WONDER 27 (V,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9	K Darley 1
3	3216	RASAYEL 10 (D,F,G) P Evans 5-9-1	S Sanders (3) 4
4	1020	ROYAL CIRCUS 12 (C,D,F,G) J O'Shea 6-8-2	N Connorton 2
5	5-00	VAIGLY SUNTHYME 32 J Carr 5-7-12	N Kennedy 7
6	-312	LORD ADVOCATE 4 (B,C,F,G) D Nolan 7-7-11	N Varley (5) 5
7	1546	ARIAN SPIRIT 24 (G) J Eyre 4-7-8	D Wright (3) 3

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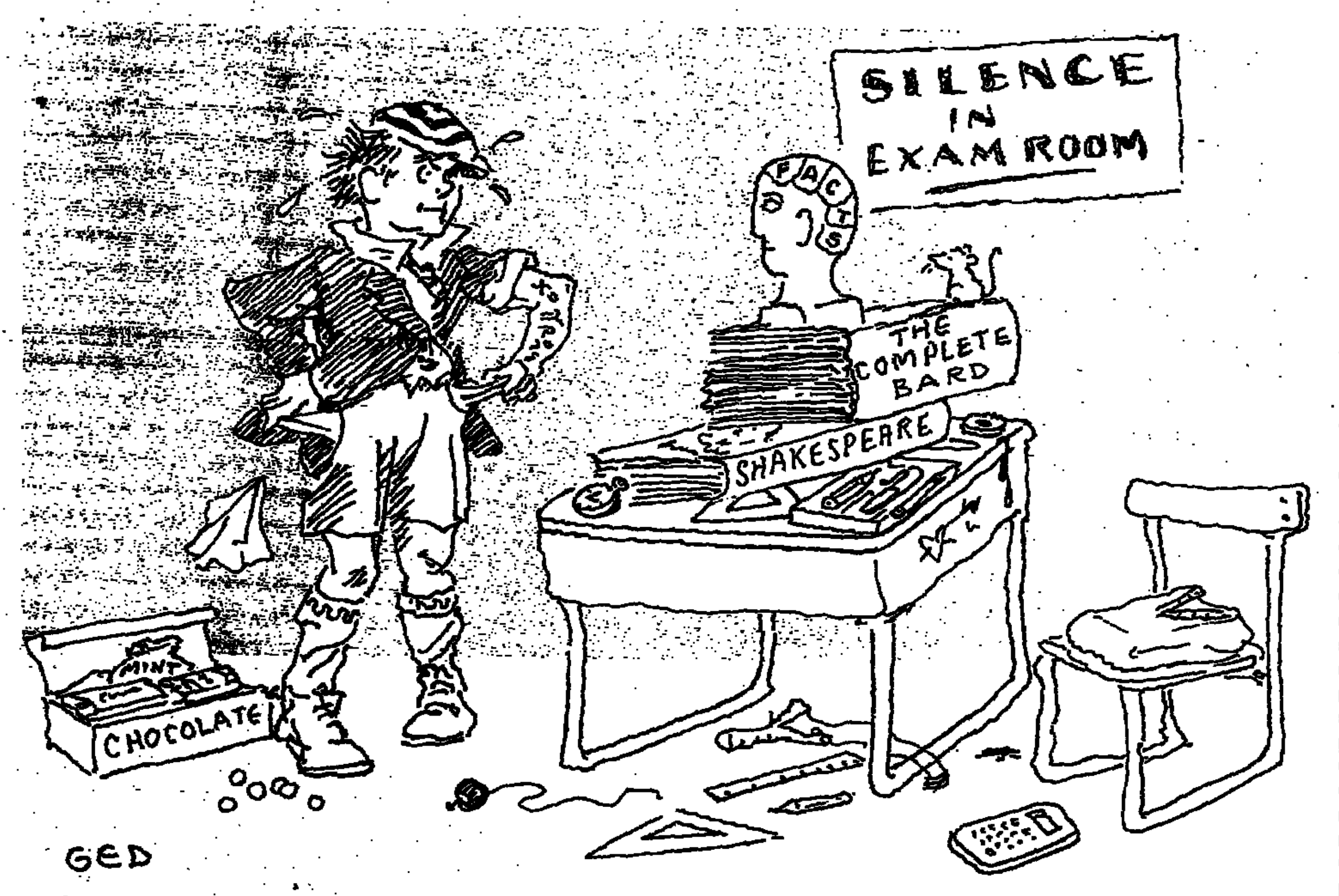

The moment of truth is at hand for an army of teenagers. After anxious *months of solitary toil*, the examination *season has* begun in earnest. Over the *coming* weeks, the futures of thousands of hopefuls will be determined by their ability to perform in the fevered quiet of the exam hall.

Yet even if all candidates arrived for their exams with equal knowledge and ability, *some* would manage to boost their grades considerably by virtue of technique. Sitting an examination is a skill in itself. Exam craft can be learnt, practised and honed. Common errors can be recognised and avoided.

Similarly, candidates *can help* themselves by preparing carefully in the last days before an examination. The establishment of a routine helps to focus the mind on the task ahead and minimises the risk of disruption. *Last-minute* panics are *distracting*, a *waste* of energy and counter-*productive*.

■ **A day or two before:** This is the cut-off point beyond which any attempt to learn fresh material is fruitless. After weeks of study it is important to clear the mind, not cloud *it*. *Refresh* your memory of key *points* by going *through* summaries of your notes. Check *the* style of questions used in the past. Limber up by thinking of brief points you might make in an answer, rather than getting confused by regurgitating all the half-relevant facts you *have* stored.

Double-check *the time and location* of each examination to eliminate any potential for mix-ups. Get ready all the equipment you will need. Accumulate spare pens, ink, pencils and, if necessary, a calculator and second set of batteries. Check again what equipment and texts *you are* allowed *to take* into each exam.

■ **Health, food and beauty sleep:** Stability is the key to keeping body and mind together in the last fretful hours. Try not to vary your diet or sleep patterns dramatically. Research *shows that if students are* used to *having* breakfast, their academic performance suffers when it is missed. But surprisingly, people who never eat breakfast do *not do so well if one is suddenly* provided.

The same holds true for tea and coffee. While it may be traditional to work with a cup of black coffee, be careful to avoid drinking too much caffeine during long hours of *study. It may impair* rather than *enhance performance*.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford advises against the seasoned tactic of revising all night immediately before an exam. He insists that sleep routines should not be varied and that cramming into the early hours *simply creates additional anxiety. Remember that the examination* season is a marathon, not a *sprint*. There is no point in giving your all for one paper only to limp through the rest as a physical wreck.

■ **D-Day:** Give yourself plenty of time on the day of your exam so you *can run through your equipment* check once more. Eat as you are used to, but don't drink too much. Leave the house with time to spare. A walk can be invigorating. Try not to arrive too early or talk about the examination with friends before you go *in*.

■ **In the exam room:** Lay out your equipment carefully. Not only will this ensure you know where to find *everything, but it is also a useful* little *ritual to* settle the nerves. Do not panic. If you find yourself getting over-anxious, compose yourself and start again. Do not be afraid to take a short walk if things get really difficult.

Read right through the exam *paper* very *carefully. Check the* instructions *to ensure* you are clear about exactly how many questions have to be answered from various sections of the paper. Which are compulsory and which are optional?

Plan your time scrupulously. *Look at the marks offered* for each question as a guide to how long you should spend on each. If you attempt only three-quarters of the paper, you could lose a quarter of the available marks at a stroke.

If you are unsure of anything, do not hesitate to ask an invigilator. *Complain if something is disturbing* your concentration — someone tapping, a distant *music* lesson, or the invigilator's new shoes.

■ **Learn from others' mistakes:** Every year examiners recite a *litany of common errors*. Yet each summer, the same pitfalls claim fresh victims. The most common — and calamitous — mistake is a failure to read each question and answer it precisely. There are no *marks for answering a different* question from the one set.

This is the hazard that catches out even the most diligent student. Candidates who have revised thoroughly using past papers are particularly prone to answering the *questions they had hoped for. Once* in the exam hall, too many candidates scan the question, think they recognise it and switch on the autopilot without engaging the brain.

Examiners are well aware of such tendencies. Some questions *will be set deliberately* to catch out *the unaware — following previous patterns*, yet sufficiently different to catch out the careless. Markers keep a ruthless eye out for candidates who simply repeat rehearsed answers on a broad theme and miss the thrust of a question.

Wandering off the point is *another, related sin. It is useful to* identify important words in the questions. Underline, circle or even write out the key instructions separately in capital letters and then make sure you address each one in turn.

Overcome clumsy planning by setting down the key points you want to make before you start. Order them carefully as this will help you to structure essays written at pace. In *English-based* subjects, *particularly at A level, quality is* valued above *quantity*.

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Always leave enough time at the end of the exam to read through your work. This gives a last chance to correct any horrendous *misspellings ar grammatical outrages, simply* to insert any words that might have been missed out.

■ **Aftermath:** Avoid the temptation of lingering with your friends to indulge in highly detailed post-mortems. *Instead*, enjoy a spot of *mental relaxation*, give *yourself* a treat, and then move on to the next examination. If your performance has been hindered by illness or other circumstances, however, tell your school immediately.

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Advertisers are bombarding American schoolchildren as they sit in class

Marilyn Harris, a teacher of Spanish at a Nashville, Tennessee, high *school*, was *outraged to discover she was* expected to *suspend* lessons while her students watched Channel One, a satellite broadcast of ten minutes of news and two minutes of commercials fed to 350,000 classrooms across America every *school* day.

The controversial television hook-up is only one of many ways US corporations are bombarding schoolchildren with commercial messages. *These include: billboards in corridors, lavatories and on* school buses; commercials interspersed with rock music piped into lobbies and cafeterias; posters, videos and study kits that provide some instruction along with *outright plugs for* products. Then there are giveaways, quizzes, contests and coupon-collecting schemes.

Alarm over these *commercial* pressures has been raised in a scathing report by Consumers Union, publishers of the American *equivalent of Which?*. "Captive *Kids" concludes that the* burgeoning business of selling to schoolchildren has penetrated classrooms largely unchecked.

An 18-month investigation found many biased and manipulative claims in study materials *sent to schools; among them*, that eating *meat makes* people taller; stripping hillsides of trees is good for the environment; no species are endangered; sweet cereals are good for you.

Ms Harris *held out* for three days against Channel One, *despite furious protests from her* class, until she was told the school had signed a contract which made showing the programme mandatory. Months later, she says: "I continue to look on Channel One as a *scandalous waste of time. Only* a few *students watch, some* do homework, and the rest just socialise."

Her one satisfaction is that her students agree to turn off the sound during commercials for bubble gum, mouthwash, soft *drinks, acne cream, crisps, chocolate bars and athletic shoes.*

Firms are willing to *pay* nearly $200,000 (£125,000) for a single 30-second commercial on Channel One, knowing it will reach an audience of eight million youngsters. The numbers indicate the tremendous buying power of *America's elementary and secondary* schoolchildren: some $72 billion (£45 billion) a year.

Channel One provides client schools with a TV set in every classroom and VCRs, but Consumers Union argues that school *administrators are entrusted to* instruct students, not expose them to advertising.

Several states are dubious about Channel One, but only New York has barred it from state-run schools. *Jim Ritts, president* of network affairs for Channel One, says "Captive Kids" is so slanted as to be "a piece of garbage".

In-school commercialism is at its worst, says the report, when masquerading as educational materials that too often offer *half-truths* or *misstatements favouring sponsors*.

The report examines material of varying quality from oil, utility, food and insurance firms, banks and credit-card companies. It also looks at agencies that place it. One solicits business *from corporations with an advertisement that, above the* photograph of a five-year-old boy, has the headline: "Reach him at the office."

"Captive Kids" concedes hard-up schools are tempted by sponsorship but insists teachers *should subject sponsored material* to the same stringent reviews as for other curriculum sources.

The report concludes: "We believe that parents and educators must unite to make schools advertising-free zones *where young people can pursue* learning free from commercial influences and pressures."

An 18-month investigation found there were many biased claims

IAN BRODIE

A head teacher gets to grips with a year's secondment to the 'real world' of work, as politicians do battle over the future of the careers service

Teacher on a learning curve

Trading places is a daunting prospect for a career teacher. We have all suffered those finger-jabbing assaults from disgruntled parents: "The trouble with you head teachers is *that you're out of touch.* What future has UK plc if our education system is run by liberal-minded softies who don't know what life is really like in the harsh economic climate of the 1990s?" Such sentiments were still ringing in my ears *as* I *arrived* at Royal Mail *on my* first day of a one-year *stretch* as a so-called quality manager.

The aim of the innovative Headteachers into Industry, based at the University of Warwick, is twofold. By allowing head teachers *to experience* a management role in a commercial organisation it seeks to aid their professional and personal development. More importantly, it allows them an insight into the employment market which awaits their pupils.

My induction was *punishing*. I discovered the *delights* of delivering letters in *the pouring* rain on a sprawling Sheffield housing estate, and *encountered* the discipline of meeting deadlines on night shift in the sorting office. My learning curve — the first of many business terms — was steep. I was inundated with information. Even as an educationist, I found management-speak incomprehensible. Is benchmarking a punishable offence committed in science labs? And what is downsizing? The humiliation of a recalcitrant pupil?

I am currently attempting to make a small *contribution* to this vast and complex Royal Mail, by helping a team of delivery office staff to find new ways of improving their service to the customer. We are using an analytical technique to identify points where we can improve the mail handling. I received special training for this which will help me to identify ways of *improving* management and *teaching* when I return to headship.

SCOTT WARD

Charles Sisum: from head teacher to Royal Mail and back

This constant reference to "the customer" is one immediate and obvious contrast with teaching. *The Royal Mail is impressive* and *rigorous* in the way it seeks out customer comment, listens to it and works hard to improve service. In all honesty, we haven't been very good at that in the world of education, where we still tend to think *that* we *know what is best for* our *customers*, and how jolly glad *they should* be, too.

Yet much of my time in the Quality Team is spent in meetings. After the criticisms from colleagues in school that we have far too many meetings it is strangely *comforting to* find parallel *complaints in another* organisation. *Everybody wants to* be consulted *but nobody wants* to go to meetings *any* more! The answer lies *in making* meetings as *effective* and well managed as possible. *Again*. I received training in the skills of chairing and organising meetings. These will be put to the test when I return to school.

Another feature of business is concern for "the bottom line". Questions about improvement have a clear focus. "Will it make us more competitive?" "Can we cut costs *but keep up quality?*" "How do we *measure progress?*" Defining terms such as quality, customer *and* bottom line are not easy in schools. However, they could be much more demanding in monitoring and measurement.

Scrutiny of staff performance is exacting and provides another contrast. *My work in Royal Mail is to* be assessed by the team I lead. I will receive a summary of their views on my performance as a leader. I will then be expected to discuss it with them, in order to do better next time. This is certainly a *powerful tool for increasing my* effectiveness.

Leadership is much discussed in education texts and school inspection reports, but how often do we really address our effectiveness as head teachers? Teacher appraisal schemes tend to be too cosy. I hope I have the courage to implement such *leadership review schemes* for *myself and my colleagues when I* return to headship.

Yet I have discovered parallels as well as contrasts. The so-called "real" world exists in both education and commerce. The pressure on frontline managers is enormous in schools as well as commercial organisations. Both are living through paroxysms of change. Head teachers willingly admit that they have much to learn from business. Could it be that the business world might just have *some small morsel of wisdom to* learn from education? Nobody has a monopoly on the "real world".

CHARLES SISUM

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Dreaming of a career

It is dangerous to foster the illusion of full-time employment, says **Susan Elkin**

Surely it is about *time* we stopped preparing our school leavers for a world which no longer exists? A host of Cabinet ministers gathered with John Major to launch the latest Competitiveness White Paper *last* month, *yet its prescription for a modern* workforce seemed out-dated. Ministers remain too concerned about whether the careers service is run by the private or public sector, instead of addressing the reality *that awaits teenagers embarking* on the *job hunt*.

"Careers" is specified in the national curriculum as a theme that should cut across lessons. Teachers, advisers, business partnerships and others strive conscien*tiously to deliver it — and yet, in all* honesty, the concept of "career" is history.

At least three million Britons are unemployed. The figure quoted for Europe is 19 million, which is probably a conservative estimate. Consider three factors. First, modern technology means that fewer workers are *needed. Second, the potential* workforce is hugely enlarged because women have joined it. Third, the market for European exports has shrunk in response to economic growth elsewhere in the world.

No one can assume, as previous generations did, the right to choose an area which appeals, start work at 16, 18, or 21, and remain indefinitely with one employer or make "career moves". This still happens *for some, but for many it is a pipe dream.* Yet we *continue to foster* this illusion. It is dangerous, because it teaches young people to define themselves largely in terms of their future gainful employment — or lack of it. When there is none, self-esteem plummets and they feel betrayed by the adult world.

To carry on raising clearly unfulfillable *expectations in* the young is to court disaster. Anxiety and *frustration are inbuilt now* at *an early age. Witness the recent* survey which found that children as young as 12 cite not finding a job as their biggest worry. Yet failure to help young people to prepare realistically for the future is, I am convinced, a cause of vandalism, street violence and other *antisocial behaviour*.

We *need to look broadly at* alternative ways of living a purposeful life. For a start, let's dispose of the misnomer "careers" education. "Pursuits" or "lifestyles" would be less hypocritical. A wider brief would provide scope to look at charity work and constructive leisure activities. Helping in a children's home, reading to patients in a hospital, clearing footpaths, for example. *And we must discuss these alternatives in a cheerful* way *in schools and with parents*.

The excellent *Community* Programme was adept at organising the "unwaged" into beneficial work, and it is a mystery why it was allowed to wither away. I would like to see it revived. Young people could then be steered towards it by schools and "careers" advisers, perhaps with small financial inducements. But it is no good indoctrinating young people with *our own outmoded prejudices* that any of this is second-best. It has to be promoted as A Good Thing for itself — as clearly it is.

Then there is sport. Perhaps one reason why sport should be more widely encouraged in schools is so that people are better equipped to *practise it* in their *increased leisure time as adults*.

Attitudes are hard to change, but it is essential that we start realistically exploring with schoolchildren some of these acceptable ways of living life in a constructive way, even for the "economically inactive" who are obliged to depend for money on a partner, parent or a government allowance.

Schools should also be sowing the seed of the idea that there is little permanence in modern life. There may be full-time work, but it will probably be intermittent — and strategies are needed for living through the gaps between jobs in a useful way. Having full-time paid employment is not an indication of whether or not you are a complete person and there are other ways of succeeding.

Young people should, moreover, be made aware of Charles Handy's *concept of the "portfolio person"*, who has a cluster of small jobs rather than one main one. For, say, an 18-year-old that might mean an afternoon paper round on weekdays, a Saturday shop job, two evenings per week bar work and mowing lawns on Sunday. Such enterprise could yield a *modest income and still leave space for* other activities.

It is all a matter of thinking in a multi-dimensional, problem-solving way and we owe it to the young to make them aware of the multifarious possibilities and give them a bit of "education for self-reliance". But first we have to escape from the straitjacket imposed by the notion of "career", for we do young people a grave disservice in conditioning them to believe that gainful employment *is the be-all and end-all of life*.

We *must abandon the present* political and educational hypocrisy and linear thinking which bedevils "careers" education. Whether the careers service rests in public or commercial hands is merely an ideological nicety — and worrying about it clouds the key issue. It is the reality of careers education which matters.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Ministers support John Major in the Competitiveness White Paper, but are they addressing reality?

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on *the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend.* Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,354.90	Abbey Nat	484	+ 4½	4.6	9.8
2,019.80	Allied Irish	303	+ 5	4.6	8.8
2,985.40	Aus New Z	215	- 9	6.1	6.9
11,572.80	Bank America†	3308½	+ 68¾	...	
2,642.80	Bank Scotland†	225½	+ 7½	3.2	10.0
11,391.00	Barclays	695	+ 28	3.8	7.5
1,683.10	Bk of Ireland†	354	+ 11	4.5	*
170.80	Cater Allen	524	+ 5	6.8	10.8
13,438.20	Citicorp	3375	+ 87½	...	...
265.60	Close Bros	379	+ 4	3.5	12.6
4,960.20	Commerzbk	£151¾	- 56¼	3.5	..
39,898.50	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1240¾	- 8¼	0.5	..
15,188.00	Deutsche Bk	3193¼	+ 158¾	2.3	..
171.40	Espirito Santo	800	- 53¼	10.2	*
43,291.60	Fuji Bank Y	1494¼	+ 34¼	0.4	...
224.50	Gerrard Nat	461	- 7	6.5	13.3
379.70	Hambros	215	+ 11	8.7	13.2
7,293.30	HSBC	854	+ 50½	4.8	12.2
14,039.20	HSBC Hk	844¾	+ 52½	4.8	12.1
247.40	Irish Perm	335	+ 7	2.4	7.5
19.20	Joseph (L)	353		6.1	18.6
20.50	King Shaxson	118		9.5	11.7
914.60	Kleinwort Ben	680	+ 21	4.0	12.2
8,521.50	Lloyds	655	- 7	4.9	11.6
7,148.70	Nat Aust Bk	534		6.7	8.8
9,697.40	Nat West	567	+ 14	4.8	9.4
121.20	Ottoman Bank	2425	...	6.5	3.4
24.80	Rea Bros	51		2.5	18.7
3,272.20	Royal Bk Scot†	408	+ 5	4.4	9.8
1,713.80	Schroders	1135	- 8	1.5	16.2
411.40	Schroders N/V	935	- 15	1.8	13.3
184.60	Singer & Fried†	95	- 1	4.6	9.8
3,371.30	Stand Chart†	348	..	2.9	10.7
3,980.60	TSB	280	+ 10	4.3	11.1
26.10	Union	98		3.8	...
1,697.30	Warburg SG†	768	+ 21	3.8	...
5,868.40	Wells Fargo	£114½	+ 318¾	2.5	...
4,178.80	Westpac	229	+ 2½	2.4	*
19.10	Wintrust	225	+ 20	6.5	*

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
45.20	Ascot Hldgs	164	+ 5	..	..
5,162.50	Bass	590	+ 1	4.6	14.0
341.70	Boddington	281	+ 4	3.9	14.5
29.70	Burtonwd Brw	143	+ 2	4.5	12.0
33.70	Eldridge P 'A'	183	- 1	3.3	19.6
1,770.40	Fosters Brewng	55	- 1	4.9	14.5
78.10	Fuller Sm 'A'	383	+ 8	2.6	15.8
1,002.50	Greenalls Grp†	479	+ 10¾	3.5	13.9
226.00	Greene King	533	+ 2	3.1	14.5
50.60	Hardy Hanson	253	- 1	4.6	12.3
3.71	Heavitree	180	...	3.5	11.4
99.30	Hall JT	3203	+ 38	2.1	17.5
171.70	Mansfield	287	+ 4	2.2	16.3
274.50	Marston Thmp	305	- 1	2.5	14.8
110.00	Morland	507	+ 23	2.8	14.8
8.85	Paramount	7½		4.1	17.7
58.30	Regent Inns	393	+ 2	1.9	22.5
4,986.50	SA Breweries†	1775	+ 25	1.9	*
2,854.30	Scot & Newc▲	534½	+ 5	4.3	15.3
346.80	Vaux Group†	247	+ 3	5.0	13.9
191.80	Wetherspoon JD	527	+ 4	1.7	24.4
2,846.40	Whitbread†	593	+ 3	4.3	15.4
353.10	Wolverhmptn D	531	+ 2	3.4	13.5
96.00	Yates Bros	345		1.9	13.3
13.30	Young 'A'	458	- 5	4.2	*

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
31.10	ABI Leis	115	- 1	4.5	13.1
23.20	Adams & Harvey	540	...	3.8	6.8
7.68	Alexanders	19	- 1	8.6	9.1
71.80	Appleyard	108	...	8.7	13.2
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	1.7	38.8
155.60	BSS Group	594	...	3.8	20.9
6.73	Bearing Power	19		6.6	9.4
1.21	Bogod 'A'	25	..	3.5	10.5
177.80	Bunzl†	396	- 2	4.2	*
4.67	Budgens† Gp	17	- 1	1.5	
29.20	Brit Fittings	65	...	4.4	13.1
13.60	Brown & Tawse	142	...	...	...
40.10	Burndene	38	...	8.3	...
7.92	Caffyns	249	- 6	6.0	39.4
10.10	Central Mtr	74	...	4.6	49.9
20.40	Cook (DC)	47½	- ½	3.0	14.8
455.60	Cowie	283	+ 3	4.0	12.2
36.90	Dagenham Motors	152½	+ 1¼	5.7	13.4
24.60	Dewhurst B	558	..	1.6	13.8
277.30	Diploma†	436	+ 4	3.5	16.3
1,236.30	Electrocomponents	587	+ 8	2.2	24.1
45.90	Electron House	189	+ 5	2.5	15.1
228.30	Ellis & Everard	273	- 2	3.6	18.1
61.10	European Mtr	114	+ 6	5.0	12.4
132.50	Evans Halshaw	414	...	4.5	12.2
855.50	Farnell Elect†	630	+ 6	1.8	*
7.91	Fife Indmar	51		7.4	8.6
23.60	Gardiner	22	- ½	4.5	10.1
6.56	Glenchewton	27½	...	...	30.3
6.83	Goodhead	75	+ 7	3.8	14.2
30.00	Halkin Hldgs	67		1.9	12.8
17.80	Harris (Philip)	185		5.2	14.5
216.70	Henlys	429	+ 1	2.5	19.5
3.06	Holders Tech	98		7.7	29.4
48.00	ISA Intl	120	+ 17	2.8	14.6
1,644.20	Inchcape†	312	- 14	6.0	11.8
7.02	Jacks (Wm)	65			14.8
274.30	Kwik-Fit	198		3.5	16.7
326.90	Lex Service	343	+ 9	5.1	18.2
33.50	Lookers	172	..	5.6	9.4
24.50	Mallard Grp	15	..	3.3	35.7
34.00	Middlesex Gr†	6	- ½	1.0	*
38.50	Norton	370	- 7	0.8	16.5
22.10	Northamber	130	+ 1	1.2	55.2
13.10	PCT†	147	...	6.5	*
100.60	Pendragon	252	- 1	3.9	15.2
37.40	Perry Grp	148	...	8.3	*
31.10	Quicks Group†	135	...	5.1	12.8
15.00	REA†	165	+ 2	3.0	19.6
4.87	Reece	2¼	...		*
8.86	Ross Gp	6		4.2	...
44.80	SEP Intl	55	+ 2	2.8	18.1
19.50	TLS Range†	54		3.5	15.0
140.70	Tape Products	265	+ 5	4.3	*
104.90	Vardy (Reg)	226		2.9	18.9
38.90	Wholesale Ftgs	270	...	5.4	24.1
22.80	Wills Gp	13		4.8	7.3
60.90	Wilshaw	73½	+ 4½	1.1	24.8
34.60	Wyko	78	...	1.8	25.3
13.90	Young (H)	84	- 2	5.4	12.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
144.00	Adwest	175	+ 2	5.5	15.1
460.50	Antofagasta†	293	- 2	1.7	27.1
14,507.60	Broken Hill	796	- 9	2.6	*
12,454.50	BTR†	341½	+ 3	4.8	14.8
15,301.60	BAT†	496	+ 7	5.5	12.5
371.00	Berisford Intl	346		0.3	65.1
148.50	Bibby J&J†	95	+ ½	7.6	17.8
1,196.10	Brierley Inv	46	- ½	8.8	2.7
767.20	Charter	891	+ 1	3.4	14.4
1,574.90	Cookson	247	+ 6	3.5	15.6
12,015.30	Hanson	232	+ ½	6.6	11.7
1,093.10	Harrison Crsfld†	156	+ 3	7.3	18.7
11,664.40	Hutch Whamp	322½	+ 4½	2.3	*
3,748.50	Jardine Math	521¼	+ 27	3.0	*
6.48	Jourdan (T)†	38	..	4.3	*
1,153.90	Lonrho	149	- 8	3.8	27.3
52.60	McLeod Russell	137	- 1¼	5.7	13.8
36.90	Porter Chadburn	38	+ 2	...	...
469.60	Powell Duffryn	548	+ 7	5.9	19.5

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
257.80	Brit Biotech	531	+ 1	...	...
13.70	Cantab Pharms	138	...	...	...
216.50	Celltech	305	..	..	..
95.20	Chiroscience	140	- 1	..	
49.70	Cortecs	45	...	...	...
1,188.70	Fisons	172	- 5	3.1	...
25,059.00	Glaxo Wellcome	730½	- 8½	4.9	18.5
86.90	Grampian Hdg	125	- 1	5.8	18.0
711.00	Medeva	245½	+ 6½	1.7	16.8
1.46	Premier Health	¼	...	...	*
39.60	Quality Care	285	...	2.8	14.1
278.90	Scotia	420	+ 12	...	...
7,078.60	SmithKline	510	+ 9	3.2	15.1
6,866.60	SmithKline Unit	486	+ 5	3.3	14.4
9,340.80	Wellcome	1085	- 3	2.7	22.9
9,119.40	Zeneca	964	+ 32½	3.7	21.8

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,459.30	Allied Domecq†	528	+ 3½	5.6	12.5
235.00	Bulmer (HP)	445	+ 11	3.1	24.0
62.30	Burn Stewart	185	- 1	6.0	21.6
8,329.80	Grand Met	402	+ 11	4.5	13.2
9,850.80	Guinness	478	- 4	3.6	15.0
479.80	Highland Distl	361	+ 4	2.6	16.3
215.70	Macallan-Glen	185	+ 1	0.9	44.9
92.50	Macdo Mrtn 'A'	675	...	3.0	*
286.40	Matthew Clark	624	+ 3	3.8	28.6
8.83	Merrydown W	81	..	3.9	...
180.10	Taunton Cider	164	- 4	5.1	12.7

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
116.80	Abbot Mead†	365	+ 1	2.5	23.6
52.90	Adscene	297	+ 2	2.9	18.6
237.20	Aegis Gp	29	+ ½	..	11.8
2.75	Allied Radio	2	- ¼		...
0.91	BBB Design	11	...	...	30.4
36.30	Barbour Index	215	+ 2	5.0	19.2
4.30	Bilsdale	4¾	...		
5.10	Black (A&C)†	326		5.3	11.6

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.00	BWD	85	..	6.3	8.0
39.90	Baltic Plc	132	...	2.8	7.1
3.44	Barry Bch NH	53	...	6.2	*
95.00	Bisichi Inv	160	+ 3	...	...

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	100¾	-⅛	10.17	6.34
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	102¾	-⅛	12.41	6.40
770	Treas 14% 1996	104¾	-⅛	13.36	6.29
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	107¾	-⅛	14.17	6.37
600	Exch 13¼% 1996	105⅝	-⅛	12.50	6.52
3,429	Conv 10% 1996	104⅛	-⅛	9.59	6.69
1,999	Treas 7% 1997	98⅞	...	7.07	6.84
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	109¾	+⅛	12.09	6.85
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅝	+¼	9.94	6.88
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	103⅝	+⅜	8.46	7.09
820	Exch 15% 1997	117⅛	+⅜	12.82	7.09
7,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	105⅝	+¼	9.26	7.15
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅛	+⅜	7.24	7.17
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅝	+⅜	6.84	7.21
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	117⅜	+¼	11.91	7.28
935	Treas 15½% 1998	123⅞	+¼	12.51	7.20
3,809	Exch 12% 1998	114	+⅛	10.53	7.30
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	106⅞	+½	8.91	7.34
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	115⅛	+1⅛	10.57	7.36
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	110⅝	+1⅛	9.50	7.35
6,250	Treas 6% 1999	95⅛	+1⅛	6.31	7.36
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	110⅝	+1⅛	9.28	7.43
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	106⅝	+1⅛	8.43	7.41
4,800	Treas 8% 2000	102⅜	+1⅛	7.81	7.43
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	123	+1⅛	10.57	7.49
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	111⅛	+1⅛	9.00	7.55
7,300	Treas 7% 2001	97⅛	+1⅛	7.21	7.57
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111⅛	+1¼	8.76	7.66
8,250	Treas 8% 2003	101⅝	+1⅛	7.88	7.69
2,903	Treas 10% 2003	113⅞	+1⅛	8.80	7.71
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117⅞	+1⅛	9.77	7.84
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74⅝	-1⅛	4.69	7.45
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	111⅛	+1⅛	8.53	7.77
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	93⅛	+1⅛	7.24	7.75
6,400	Treas 8½% 2005	105⅛	+1½	8.05	7.76
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	111⅞	+1⅛	8.50	7.76
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128⅛	+1⅛	9.73	7.80
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	99⅛	+1⅛	7.77	7.80
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	101⅛	+1⅛	7.90	7.77
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122⅛	+1⅛	9.61	7.88
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	105⅛	+1⅛	8.05	7.77
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135⅛	+1⅛	9.95	7.80
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	109⅛	+1⅛	8.18	7.77
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	101⅛	+1⅛	7.85	7.77
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	86⅛	+1⅛	7.24	7.77
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	110⅛	+1⅛	8.12	7.79
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	111¼	+1⅛	8.09	7.79
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77⅛	+⅞	7.07	7.88
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	102⅛	+1⅛	7.83	7.76
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	99⅛	+1⅛	7.79	7.78
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	110⅛	+1⅛	7.93	7.76
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	139⅞	+2⅛	8.59	7.80
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	45⅛	+1	7.76	...
475	Treas 2½%	31⅝	+1	7.91	...
359	Consols 4%	49⅝	+⅞	8.10	...
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:				10%	5%
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	210⅝	+⅛	1.05	3.82
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+⅛	1.93	2.89
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176⅛	+⅛	2.87	3.32
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2003	173⅛	+⅛	3.04	3.40
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115⅝	+⅛	3.05	3.38
1,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	180⅛	+⅛	3.19	3.45
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164⅛	+⅛	3.26	3.48
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170⅛	+⅛	3.31	3.51
2,600	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140⅛	+⅛	3.34	3.52
2,800	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148⅛	+⅛	3.38	3.55
2,900	Treas IL 2½% 2020	144⅛	+⅛	3.43	3.57
2,450	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120⅛	+⅛	3.41	3.54
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	119⅛	+⅛	3.41	3.54

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,580.30	Anglian	531	- 2	5.5	12.0
58.80	Mid Kent Hldgs	344	+ 21	4.7	*
2,193.80	North West	565	- 10	4.6	8.1
833.60	Northumbrian	913	- 2	3.5	9.8
2,081.40	Severn Trent	573	+ 5	5.1	9.5
120.50	South Staffs	2215	...	3.9	*
988.40	South West	537	+ 18	6.6	10.3
1,078.70	Southern	636	+ 6	4.7	9.2
2,034.00	Thames	506	- 8	5.8	7.6
949.80	Welsh	647	+ 5	5.1	7.1
776.90	Wessex	303	- 1	5.0	7.9
1,185.80	Yorkshire	585	- 18	5.0	8.6

Source: Finstat

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TODAY

Interims: Faber Prest. **Finals:** Anglian Water, BAA, Critchley, Electrocomponents, Emap, London Industrial, Radstone Technology, Wah Kwong Shipping, Wyndeham Press Group. **Economic statistics:** M0 figures (May — provisional).

TOMORROW

Interims: Apollo Metals, Edinburgh New Tiger Trust, River Plate & General, Sheriff Holdings. **Finals:** Alba, Allied Colloids Group, Amersham International, Anglian, Ascot, Beverley, Blacks Leisure, CPL Aromas, Darby, De La Rue, Edinburgh Income Trust, European Colour, Gartmore Shared Equity, Meyer International, NSM, Nuclear Electric, Powerscreen International, Racal Electronics, Seeboard, Staveley Industries, Thames Water, Vodafone, Yorkshire Water. **Economic statistics:** Advance energy (April).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Chemring, City Site Estates, Crabtree, Daily Mail & General Trust, Foreign & Colonial Special Utilities, French, Granada, Greencore. **Finals:** Airsprung Furniture, Capitol, Davenport Knitwear, Drummond, Fairbairn Euro Smaller Co, Hambros, Henderson Admin, Ingham, Leigh Interests, Northern Investors Co, RPC. **Economic statistics:** Monthly monetary meeting between the Chancellor and Bank of England Governor, cyclical indicators for the UK economy (April — second estimate), housing starts and completions (April).

THURSDAY

Interims: Blick, Bradstock, Chrysalis, Dewhurst, GWR Group, Widney. **Finals:** Alphameric, Chubb Security, Johnson Matthey, London Insurance Market, Northumbrian Water, Oxford Instruments, Porter Cadburn, Pilkington, 600 Group, 3i. **Economic statistics:** Employment and other indicators, index of industrial production (April), CBI survey of distributive trades (May).

FRIDAY

Finals: Brazilian Smaller Companies, Dunedin Enterprise Investment Trust, Osborne & Little, Park Food, Riverview Rubber, Somic, St James's Place Capital. **Economic statistics:** Balance of visible trade (March), construction output (Q1).

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Pilkington, Amersham. **Sell** Vodafone. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Invesco, Chemring, Capitol Group. **Sell** Euro Disney. *The Observer*: **Buy** Pilkington, Osborne & Little, Capitol. **Hold** Meyer International. **Sell** London International Group, De La Rue. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Worthington Group. **Sell** Ransomes. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Evans Halshaw, Datrontech. **Sell** Amersham.

COMPANIES

PHILIP PANGALOS

BAA to benefit from travel growth

BAA: Healthy growth in passenger traffic will provide a lift for full-year profits, due today, from the airports operator that owns Heathrow and Gatwick. However, attention will also focus on any indications of the speed of development of BAA's retail business and its campaign to win planning permission to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

NatWest Securities expects volume growth and strong retail revenues to drive final pre-tax profits up to £363 million (£334 million). A dividend of 10p (9p) is likely. Forecasts range from £360 million to £370 million.

Analysts expect an upbeat statement from Sir John Egan, chief executive, as passenger numbers grew by 7 per cent in the year to March 31, with UBS forecasting average spend per head at a healthy £5.80.

ANGLIAN WATER: The privatised water companies' reporting season gets into full swing this week, with today's figures from Anglian expected to show the benefits of restructuring. Kleinwort Benson has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £228 million (£132.2 million). An improved dividend of 25p (22.8p) is predicted. Forecasts range from £205 million to £235 million.

DE LA RUE: Jeremy Marshall, chief executive of the security banknote printer, which has a 22.5 per cent stake in Camelot, the consortium that runs the National Lottery, will be hoping his lucky number comes up when he reports finals tomorrow.

BZW expects full-year pre-tax profits to advance to £141 million (£129.8 million), with a dividend of 23p (20p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £140 million to £148 million.

However, analysts will be looking for reassurance after recent concerns that the integration of Portals, acquired for £682 million, is not going quite to plan. The market took fright in March after De La Rue gave warning of a further deterioration in profitability at its German subsidiary and said that the acquisition of Portals would not be earnings enhancing for two years.

RACAL ELECTRONICS: The City will also be hoping for [illegible] from Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of the

Jeremy Marshall, left, of De La Rue, and Sir Ernest Harrison, of Racal, check the numbers

Racal data communications group, which also has a stake in Camelot. NatWest expects final pre-tax profits, due tomorrow, to advance to £60 million (£51.7 million). Market forecasts range from £58 million to £60 million. A dividend of up to 5p (4.25p) is predicted. Attention will focus on current trading and prospects, as well as the impact of the lottery.

GRANADA: The television and leisure giant will be watched on Wednesday for news about the state of commercial television. First-half pre-tax profits are expected to climb to £150 million (£103 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £140 million to £155 million. Full integration benefits of LWT will help, as will better advertising revenues, although there are doubts about the group's rentals business, which had a good start to the period but was later affected by Rumbelow's stock sell-down.

Attention will focus on how the group's two major acquisitions, LWT and the Sutcliffe contract caterer, have been integrated. Analysts may also press Granada on its plans for its 14 per cent holding in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television now that the new cross ownership media regulations, which limit companies to two ITV licences and up to 20 per cent in a third, rule out a full bid.

VODAFONE: Attention at tomorrow's results from Britain's leading cellular telephones operator will focus on how well the group is coping with rapid expansion and intensifying competition in the mobile phone market.

Future growth may depend on overseas markets, although higher mobile phone subscriber numbers are expected to help final pre-tax profits climb to £370 million (£363.3 million), according to Strauss Turnbull. Profit forecasts range from £360 million to £380 million, with a dividend of 3.1p to 3.4p (2.78p) expected.

NORTHUMBRIAN WATER: Bid speculation will surround Northumbrian Water when it announces full-year results on Thursday. Lyonnaise Générale des Eaux, of France, wants to take over the North-East water group and is waiting for clearance from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission before it announces terms. Meanwhile, NatWest expects final pre-tax profits to advance to £88 million (£65 million), with forecasts ranging from £84 million to £92 million. A dividend of 28.2p (24.3p) is predicted.

THAMES WATER: UBS expects tomorrow's final pre-tax profits to climb to £302 million (£241.7 million) and has pencilled in an improved dividend of 24.6p (22.5p). Market forecasts range from £295 million to £308 million.

SEEBOARD: Tomorrow's figures from the regional electricity distributor are likely to attract significant attention, with bumper profits and sizeable dividend increases drawing heat from politicians and consumer groups.

BZW expects Seeboard to generate final pre-tax profits of £153 million (£131.7 million). A dividend of 14.1p (11.75p) is predicted. Profits will continue to rise as costs fall in the core business, with a further boost to earnings likely from the contracting and retailing operations.

PILKINGTON: UBS expects recovery in the United States to help the St Helens-based glass giant to final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, of £135 million (£72.4 million).

Market forecast range from £125 million to £156 million, though the published profits may be distorted by a hefty goodwill writeback on Visioncare, which the company would like to sell. UBS thinks that Pilkington's balance sheet is still stretched, with an estimated £700 million net debt and 64 per cent gearing.

Attention will focus on current trading and prospects, with analysts particularly keen to see evidence of recovery in Europe, now that glass prices have strengthened and the rate of growth at Libbey Owens Ford, its US subsidiary.

JOHNSON MATTHEY: Albert E Sharp expects the autocatalyst and precious metals group to lift final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to £95 million (£65.4 million). Forecasts range from £94 million to £96 million. A dividend of 13.5p (11.4p) is likely.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Clarke may be vindicated

In Britain, the main event of the week is Wednesday's monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. Only recently, the markets were betting strongly that the Chancellor would have to concede a base rate rise, having refused one at the May meeting. But a run of weak economic data since then has swung that consensus in the opposite direction.

There is little new economic evidence before the meeting, with only M0 money supply for May due today and cyclical indicators, which have increasingly pointed to a slowing economy, published on the day of the meeting.

However, industrial production and manufacturing figures for April are published on Thursday, as well as the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey for May. It has to be presumed that the Treasury will have a fairly good idea of what these contain on Wednesday.

Industrial production is expected to have risen by about 0.3 per cent to 0.5 per cent in April, much weaker than the 0.9 per cent jump recorded in March. Manufacturing output, which rose by a rather anaemic 0.2 per cent in March, is expected to do little better in April, with the market expecting a rise of around 0.3 per cent. That would take year-on-year growth in manufacturing down to 2.7 per cent.

These figures are of particular interest because there has recently been a wide divergence between official production statistics and CBI surveys, which have been much more upbeat.

Analysts have tended to set more store by the CBI evidence than official figures. However, last Friday's purchasing managers' report, which has tended to track the CBI quite closely, was weak, which may lend more credibility to government statistics.

Purchasing managers suggested that the weakness of domestic demand was beginning to affect industrial output, a potent reason for base rates to be left unchanged at Wednesday's meeting.

The only other major British statistic comes on Friday with the March visible trade balance including the European Union. Forecasts suggest a deficit of around £1 billion in March after a shortfall of £1.1 billion in February.

On the international front, German output data will be looked at closely for evidence of what damage the strong mark has done to the German economy. On Friday, the Japanese Tankan survey of the economy is published.

This is expected to show that business confidence in manufacturing, which has been steadily improving over the past year, may have flattened out or even declined slightly.

JANET BUSH

Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal

Extension by agreement ousts order

Heer v Tutton and Another
Pickles v Holdsworth
Lovell v Porter

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment May 25]

Where parties to a county court action begun by default summons agreed to extend time for delivery of the defence, with the result that a period of twelve months elapsed from service of the summons, the effect of their agreement was to oust Order 9, rule 10 of the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No 1687/L20) so that the action could not be struck out under that rule.

The Court of Appeal so held when:

(i) allowing an appeal by the plaintiff Balwant Heer from Judge Heald, sitting at Nottingham County Court, who had refused his application to enter a default judgment against the defendants, A. G. Tutton and Argos Distributors Ltd, following their assertion that the action had been struck out under Order 9, rule 10 of the County Court Rules;

(ii) dismissing an appeal by the defendant Philip Holdsworth from Judge Stephen, at Harrogate County Court who had upheld the district judge's refusal to strike out the action brought by the plaintiff, Stephen Pickles, under Order 9, rule 10; and

(iii) allowing an appeal by the plaintiff Martin Lovell from Miss Recorder Corkhill, at Peterborough County Court, who had directed that his action against the defendant, Raymond Porter, be struck out under Order 9, rule 10.

In each case the plaintiff had begun an action in the county court by default summons claiming damages for personal injuries and had reached agreement with the defendant to extend time generally for service of the defence. In *Pickles v Holdsworth* the agreement also extended to the service of particulars of claim. In consequence of the agreement in each case 12 months had expired from the date of service of the summons without delivery of admission defence or counterclaim or the entry of judgment.

Order 9, rule 10 provides:

"Where 12 months have expired from the date of service of a default summons and — (i) no admission, defence or counterclaim has been delivered and judgment has not been entered against the defendant, or (ii) an admission has been delivered but no judgment has been entered under rule 6(1) or, as the circumstances may require, no notice of acceptance or non-acceptance has been received by the proper officer, the action shall be struck out and no enlargement of the period of 12 months shall be granted under Order 13, rule 4."

Mr John Cherry, QC and Mr Simon King for Mr Heer; Mr Harvey McGregor, QC and Mr Matthew Jackson for Argos.

Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Simon Myerson for Mr Pickles; Mr Stuart Brown, QC and Mr William Hanbury for Mr Holdsworth.

Mr John Cherry, QC and Mr Douglas Herbert for Mr Lovell; Mr Roderick Noble for Mr Porter.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that Order 3, rule 2 of the County Court Rules provided that, except as otherwise provided by the rules, every action other than a fixed date action, defined as one in which a claim was made for relief other than the payment of money, was to be a default action.

In any ordinary personal injury action the only claim which the plaintiff made was for the payment of money. It followed that personal injury claims begun in the county court were ordinarily default actions.

The court referred to the history of Order 9, rule 10 which, then Order 10, rule 7, had been added by amendment to the County Court Rules 1936 in 1952 when the general jurisdiction of the county court was limited to £200 and a default action could be brought, with certain exceptions, to recover any debt or liquidated demand.

In the court's view, that rule must have applied to many relatively petty debt collecting actions, and it seemed on the whole probable that it was a response to the administrative burden which would clearly be caused to county court offices if plaintiffs, having issued default summonses, failed to take further action, whether because they decided it was not worth doing so, or because the debtor settled the debt out of court, with the result that inactive files would continue to accumulate.

There was no reason to suppose that the draftsman was in any way anticipating the modern view that courts should themselves control the timetable of proceedings to ensure the expeditious conduct of litigation.

The classes of claim which could be made by issue of a default summons were greatly extended in 1981. The draftsman should, of course, have appreciated that Order 9, rule 10 would apply to those extended classes. It was not known whether or not he did, nor if the extended application of the rule was appreciated by practitioners.

The problem might only have become acute with the great increase recently made in the jurisdiction of the county court in personal injury cases.

It was in those more substantial claims that the practice of deferring litigious procedures and final settlement until a plaintiff's medical condition clarified or stabilised had, in the past, been regularly followed. The court knew of nothing to suggest that it was intended in effect to abolish that practice.

Reference was made to the wording of Order 9, rule 10 with its provision that no enlargement of the period of 12 months was to be granted under Order 13, rule 4. That had to mean that the court's ordinary power of retrospective extension under Order 13, rule 4(2) was excluded.

It did not necessarily follow that the court's power of prospective extension under rule 4(1) was excluded, because Order 9, rule 10 was not directed to the period before 12 months had expired.

On a literal construction it seemed at least arguable that a plaintiff could apply to the court for extension of the 12 month period before its expiry, since the rule would not then have come into operation, the action would not have been struck out and there was nothing to derogate from the general power of prospective enlargement in Order 13, rule 4.

If an extension were prospectively sought, it would be for the judge to decide whether to grant it and if he did not the plaintiff could enter judgment or call for a defence.

Whether or not that construction were correct, a further question arose whether the closing words of Order 9, rule 10 precluded or invalidated a prospective agreement between the parties that the steps specified in the rule need not be taken but that the action should not be struck out.

It was true, as the defendants had pointed out, that Order 13, rule 4 applied to extension by consent as well as by court order, that the reference to that rule in Order 9, rule 10 was unspecific and that it was commonplace to speak of parties "granting" extensions to each other.

On a literal interpretation there was no flaw in that part of the defendants' argument, but none the less the court found it unacceptable.

It was more natural to speak of the court granting an extension. The lack of specificity in the reference left a doubt whether it was intended to apply to agreements reached between the parties before expiry of the 12 month period.

That doubt had to be resolved in favour of the plaintiffs when one contemplated the unconscionable behaviour which would otherwise have been open to, and perhaps even incumbent on defendants.

The court rejected the submission that the parties had not in terms agreed that the action should not be struck out after 12 months under the rule. When a plaintiff agreed to extend a defendant's time for serving a defence, whether indefinitely, or indefinitely subject to notice, or for a definite period, he was in effect agreeing not to enter judgment in default of defence during whatever period was agreed.

Such agreement necessarily imported an undertaking on the defendant's part not to exploit to the prejudice of the plaintiff any rule which might otherwise penalise the plaintiff for not entering judgment.

In the ordinary case it would seem unlikely for practical reasons that the striking out for which Order 9, rule 10 provided could take place automatically. The omission of that expression, found in Order 17, rule 11(9), might not be significant, since 40 years separated the drafting of the two rules.

But since the court would by no means always know when the default summons was served, it could not always know when the 12-month period had expired, and a plaintiff might obtain a retrospective extension of time for service.

That meant, in practical terms, that the defendant had, at any rate unless the court had effected service and the delay after issue was considerable, to apply for an order under Order 9, rule 10, which he had to do anyway if he wished to obtain an order for costs or for payment out of any sum in court.

In any substantial personal injury action it would not ordinarily be appropriate for the court itself to treat the action as struck out if the defendant had not taken the point. But it would be repugnant to ordinary principles if the court were to accede to the application of a defendant asking the court for an order penalising the plaintiff for not doing what the defendant had agreed, if not asked, that he should not do.

The court's construction of Order 9, rule 10 did not mean that an agreement between the parties could always override or circumvent a procedural rule. It was, for example, plain that no agreement could affect the automatic striking out of an action under Order 17, rule 11(9), although it could be relevant on an application to reinstate.

So to hold would emasculate that rule and deprive it of its intended beneficial effect which the court had endeavoured to describe in *Rastin v British Steel plc* ([1994] 1 WLR 732).

Order 9, rule 10 did not, however, like Order 17, rule 11(9), form part of a coherent code; its meaning and intention were not as plain; and it seemed unlikely that it was devised as part of any scheme to give the court control of the progress of litigation.

The practice of delaying litigious procedures and final settlment until a plaintiff's medical condition had clarified or stabilised, while sensible, cost-effective and beneficial to the plaintiff in many cases was of course open to abuse.

If, as the court now held, an agreement that time for defence should be generally extended had the effect of ousting Order 9, rule 10, such agreements could be a source of unjustifiable delay beyond the court's control under the rules.

Whether that abuse existed in practice, or whether there was a real risk of such abuse in future, was not known. It would not be hard to frame a rule which would deny such agreements the effect which, on the court's construction, they now had. But the court did not think Order 9, rule 10 was such a rule.

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Raworths, Harrogate; Morrish & Co, Leeds.

Greenwoods, Peterborough; Shoosmiths & Harrison, Northampton.

Consultation failure over home sale

Regina v Wandsworth London Borough Council, Ex parte Beckwith (No 2)

When deciding to close a residential home in its area, a local authority had to take account not only of the views of those directly affected but also of its residents at other homes in the area.

Mr Justice Potts so held in the Queen's Bench Division on May 24 when allowing an application by Mr William Beckwith for judicial review and granting a declaration that the decision of the social services committee of the London Borough of Wandsworth on May 2 to close George Potter House, the residential home in which he lived, and the ratification of that decision by the full council on May 10, had been taken without consulting interested parties.

The committee had met again in the light of the decision of Mr Justice Popplewell in the same case on April 11 (*The Times* May 5).

MR JUSTICE POTTS, having considered *R v Devon County Council, Ex parte Baker* ([1995] 1 All ER 73), said that a proper consultation would have involved not only those affected directly but also those living at the local authority's other residential homes.

Notice added to extension of employment contract

Abrahams v Performing Rights Society Ltd

Before Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Hutchison

[Judgment May 19]

An employee whose five-year fixed term contract under which he was entitled to two years' notice or payment of salary in lieu was extended for two years under the terms of the existing contract was entitled to the same period of notice or payment in lieu.

Accordingly, since there was a contractual right to the payment in lieu of notice, he was not obliged to give credit for actual or imputed earnings.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal brought by the employer, Performing Rights Society Ltd, against the decision of Sir Michael Davies, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on May 26, 1994, to uphold the decision of Master Tennant on a determination under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court that the plaintiff, Mr Robert Abrahams, was under no duty to mitigate his loss and to strike out that part of the defence which asserted the contrary.

Mr Ian Hunter, QC and Mr Andrew Hochhauser for the employer; Mr Nigel Davis, QC, for the employee.

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that in March 1992 it was agreed that the employee would remain in employment for two years up to March 31, 1994 under the terms of his existing contract which provided for two years' notice or payment in lieu. The employment was accordingly agreed to be subject to the terms of the contract of employment.

On October 14, 1992 the employer terminated the employee's employment without notice and the employee claimed payment in lieu of notice for the remainder of the two-year period.

The judge found that the effect of the 1992 agreement was that the employee was entitled to payment in lieu of notice as a contractual debt and was not obliged to give credit for any actual or imputed earnings; that is, he was not under a duty to mitigate.

The conclusion his Lordship reached was that the arguments on behalf of the employee were correct. There was no basis for saying that the notice and payment in lieu provisions were excluded since the words used by the parties were clear and their plain meaning accorded with the employee's interpretation.

The employer's second argument was that the termination of the employee's employment was wrongful, which entitled him not to payment in lieu of notice but to damages for wrongful dismissal which was subject to the duty to mitigate.

The employee argued, however, that the termination of the contract was lawful and that by it the employer was electing, as it was entitled to do, between the options which the contract gave it to serve notice or pay money in lieu.

Accordingly, the employee became entitled to receive the stipulated payment in lieu of notice. That payment was a contractual right, not liquidated damages, and was not subject to the duty to mitigate. Furthermore, even if the payment in lieu was liquidated damages, there was still no duty to mitigate.

In his Lordship's judgment, the termination of the contract was lawful and left the employee with a right to payment in lieu which, if the employer did not pay, he could enforce, as he sought to do, by proceedings.

The next questions were whether the claim was for a sum due under the contract or whether it was a claim for liquidated damages and whether it made any difference so far as mitigation was concerned.

It was conceded on behalf of the employer that if the claim was for a sum due under the contract, there was no duty to mitigate.

However, he cited a number of cases of some antiquity which, he suggested, established that the true analysis was that a sum agreed to be paid in lieu of notice amounted to liquidated damages.

His Lordship found it unnecessary to examine those cases since the modern authorities of *Rex Stewart Jeffries Parker Ginsberg Ltd v Parker* ([1988] IRLR 483) and *Delaney v Staples* ([1992] 1 AC 687), relied on by counsel for the employee, determined the point that the provision in the contract for payment in lieu gave rise to a contractual entitlement.

It was accepted on behalf of the employer that in those circumstances the argument on mitigation was not available to him. While his Lordship found that concession was correct, counsel for the employer had the further difficulty that, even if he were right in his contention that the payment in lieu was to be regarded as liquidated damages, there would be no duty on the employee to mitigate.

That was the submission on behalf of the employee and his Lordship found that it was correct.

To permit a party in breach who had agreed to a pre-estimate of the damages that should be paid if he broke his contract to seek to diminish the agreed sum by argument as to mitigation would be contrary to the whole principle underlying the concept of liquidated damages.

The concept of a duty to mitigate was entirely foreign to a liquidated damages claim, the whole object of which was to fix a certain sum to be paid irrespective of the actual damage suffered by reason of the breach.

It seemed to his Lordship that, as a matter of principle, where there was a liquidated damage clause which was valid, that is, could not be impugned as a penalty, there was no room for arguments on mitigation of damages.

Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Hamlin Slowe.

Police not liable

Sutcliffe v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire

The police when acting as bailees were not to be held liable for damage caused by vandals to a motor vehicle held by them in a secure yard under Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 powers.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton) so held on May 19 when allowing an appeal by the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire from Judge Walker in Halifax County Court who in May 1994 had held him liable for damage caused by an arson attack on a Ford motor car belonging to the plaintiff, Richard Andrew Sutcliffe.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the vehicle, lacking vital mechanical parts and having a window missing, was in an enclosed yard, overlooked by the police station, which was well lit and constantly attended by officers.

The gates were kept open but the system of security was such as to make it almost impossible for anyone to enter without being seen.

Unknown vandals had shown ingenuity in carrying out a planned, audacious attack on a particular vehicle of no great market value.

The chief constable had discharged the burden on him of proving that as bailee he had taken reasonable care of the vehicle in the particular circumstances of the case and was not in breach of the duty owed to its owner.

Frankfurt issues a DM330m challenge to the City

Colin Narbrough on the latest move to set up electronic trading in Europe

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was beating the City's drum in India last week when, closer to home, Frankfurt issued a fresh challenge to London's pre-eminence in Europe as a financial centre.

City folk still tend to be dismissive of the German stock market presenting a serious threat, given its relative lack of development and the private German investors' preference for other instruments than shares. But last week Deutsche Börse, the company that runs the Frankfurt stock exchange and the DTB futures and options market, announced that it is to spend DM330 million over the next five years to set up a fully electronic trading system for German shares and bonds. This will be well behind Big Bang in 1986, when the London Stock Exchange became *the world's first major* exchange to go totally electronic. That does not, however, detract from the size of the German investment and the earnestness of the intention.

The risk to London — as with the widespread scepticism about European integration on other fronts — is that it will not see what it does not want to believe. All the dismissiveness over the concept of a European central bank to run the single currency has not prevented Frankfurt from securing the European Monetary Institute, forerunner to the bank.

German proposals, however flippant, that a single currency should be called the *franken* instead of the ecu only helped to reinforce the view that post-unification Germany is in a much more self-assertive mood.

As the biggest European economy by far, Germany is keen to see its financial markets better reflect *the country's leading role in the* European economy. The fact that Deutsche Bank, the leading German commercial bank, decided to concentrate its international investment *banking in London was* hailed as recognition of the City's pre-eminence as a financial centre. But it would be wrong to see Deutsche's move auguring a *mass exodus of business from* Germany. With mega-issues like that of Deutsche Telekom, the state telecommunications monopoly, about to hit the stock market *next year, the German investor is* bound to be targeted in a much bigger way than hitherto.

At present, only 5 per cent of Germany's private financial as*sets are held in equities.* In Britain, it is 46 per cent, suggesting that British investors are much less risk-averse than Germans. Even in the United States *only 32 per cent is held in shares.* Werner Seifert, the management board chairman of Deutsche Borse, has brushed aside critics of electronic trading who argue that *open outcry is still used at leading* exchanges such as New York and Tokyo. He sees the switch to electronic trading as part of an unstoppable international trend.

But going electronic is not just a matter for Frankfurt, Germany's *premier* stock market. It is also another big step forward towards eliminating the country's smaller regional exchanges and removing the disturbing price anomalies that persist between them.

The diminished role of the smaller exchanges is demonstrated by the fact that Frankfurt already conducts 75 per cent of Germany's equity business. News of its big investment plan comes only three weeks after it was announced that Frankfurt, Munich and Düsseldorf are merging their exchanges, using the existing Ibis electronic trading system which lists the top 30 German shares. The four-year-old Ibis has already brought fundamental change to Germany's stock mar*kets by offering all-day service* instead of the three-hour day on the open outcry floors. Deutsche Börse plans to have the first phase of its fully electronic trading settlement system in place by 1998.

The next step will be to establish links with other exchanges in Europe, as the German derivatives market already has. There is even talk of Deutsche Börse creating an integrated Franco-German stock market with the Société des Bourses Françaises. The London Stock Exchange is not napping. Its Sequence Programme to replace the existing trading systems with a single flexible platform is well under way, on time and on budget. The three-year programme, intended to ensure that London retains its lead as Europe's financial centre, should be completed at a total cost of £75 million-£90 million in 1996. The exchange describes the system as "the most flexible and cost-effective in the world".

Herr Seifert is not daunted by London's plan. He foresees German equity sales quadrupling and market capitalisation doubling in the next few years as Germany catches up with the more developed equity markets. Frankfurt is already the fourth biggest in the world. "In the next 10 to 15 years, Germany has a good chance of becoming the biggest and most attractive financial centre in the world."

New horizons: Frankfurt is the subject of a bid to make it the world's top financial centre

EC inquiry into Irish aid for aircraft group

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE European Commission has launched an inquiry into Irish government plans to *inject Ir£12 million of state aid* into aircraft maintenance after protests from British aerospace companies.

The British companies say *the aid, for a business set up* by GPA, Lufthansa and Swissair, will distort competition in an industry blighted by overcapacity and heavy losses.

Steffen Harpoth, chairman of FLS Aerospace, Europe's biggest independent maintenance company, said: "Government subsidies in the aircraft maintenance industry will only delay the necessary rationalisation of the industry."

FLS, operating from Stansted, Manchester and Bournemouth airports, has cut its workforce from 3,000 to 1,000 and closed or mothballed four facilities in the past two years in a drive to restore profitability. "It is with great dismay, that as a private company we find we have to compete with government-sponsored businesses," he said.

British Aerospace, where Bob Bauman is chairman and Richard Evans is chief executive, and which is developing Aviation Services, an Airbus aircraft maintenance business at Filton, near Bristol, said it was anxious to see a "level playing field". British companies are particularly vociferous because the UK has Europe's biggest independent maintenance industry. Its main competitors are airlines.

Trade unions in Germany and Switzerland are also deeply concerned about the possible transfer of jobs to the Irish Republic. The European Commission investigation was confirmed in a letter from Karel Van Miert, Competition Commissioner, to Sir Barry Duxbury, director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, on April 17. Sir Barry welcomed the inquiry. "The *SBAC looks forward* to an outcome that achieves its goal of ensuring a level playing field across the industry internationally," he said.

The enquiry will centre upon a rescue package drawn up for Shannon Aerospace, established at Shannon Airport in County Clare by GPA, the Irish aircraft leasing group, in 1990. Shannon is a joint venture between GPA, with 30 per cent of the equity, and Lufthansa and Swissair, with 35 per cent each.

The business, started with I£30 million capital and I£23 million of grants from Shannon Development Corporation, was intended to give the partners low-cost maintenance and provide high-quality jobs in western Ireland.

Since inception, GPA has provided 43 per cent of the work, Lufthansa 11 per cent, and Swissair 4 per cent. The rest has come from other airlines. Despite a low cost base, however, the company has been *unable to* make profits. The difficulties have been increased by the tendency of aircraft operators to concentrate heavy mainte*nance, interior modification* and respray work in the winter months, leaving the business with an inadequate workflow during the summer.

Under the restructuring plan now agreed, GPA will surrender its equity and inject a final I£12 million to cover its share of liabilities. A further I£12 million will be provided in new grants by Shannon Development Authority. Lufthansa and Swissair will then own half each.

GPA, which is withdrawing because of its own financial constraints, has undertaken to continue to seek Shannon bids for work on the 950 aircraft controlled by GPA and GE Capital, its US investor.

The Development Authority says independent experts support the view that Shannon is "highly competitive in the growing narrow-bodied maintenance sector worldwide."

The company said the rescue package would be backed by an undertaking from Lufthansa and Swissair to increase the amount of work they send to Shannon, particularly in the summer. That could enable Shannon to raise its workforce of 700 to 1,000.

This has alarmed Swissair and Lufthansa staff. Shannon works on four aircraft types: the Boeing 737 and 757, and the MD80 and DC9. Lufthansa is planning to move 737 maintenance to Shannon, costing 300 jobs in Berlin. But it is unclear what work Swissair, which is replacing MD81s with Airbuses, would relocate.

Bauman: similar service

Richard Evans of BAe wants to see a level playing field in aircraft maintenance

Deductions leap to average 26 per cent of pay

By Martin Barrow

PAY deductions in Britain — including tax, social security and other benefit contribu*tions — have risen 8 per cent in* the last two years and now average 26 per cent of salaries.

A typical full-time earner on £17,000 a year now pays £4,420 in tax and benefit contributions — £340 more than in 1993.

The figures are taken from a European study, conducted by Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, the firm of employee benefit consultants.

Their research shows that Britain is one of nine countries in the European Union where average earners have seen a decline in the proportion of their take-home pay.

Across Europe, the average increase in salary deductions has been 8 per cent, in line with the UK. Denmark and Sweden faced the largest rise at 15 per cent.

On the whole, European economies with higher standards of living demand the highest contribution levels. Germany, Finland and the Netherlands, for example, deduct more than one-third, or 36 per cent, of gross pay.

While Denmark demands the highest deductions, at 46 per cent, Portugal, among the poorest European countries, demands just 14 per cent.

UK employees pay only slightly more than their counterparts in France, who contribute 24 per cent, and Italy, who contribute 23 per cent.

David Formosa, international research manager at Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, said: "Tax and benefit contributions are rising faster than salary increases throughout most of the European Union and reflect the growing burden of pension provision and healthcare faced by the State and employers."

He added: "Other member states which have managed to maintain stable, or lower, contribution levels, are not immune from the increasing costs. They have, on the whole, either increased indirect taxation, or cut the amount of benefits paid out — or both."

Reed quiet on talk of books sale

REED Elsevier, whose focus remains centred on the niche on-line markets that serve the scientific, legal and technical professions, yesterday declined to comment on media suggestions that the group's book publishing division is up for sale (Colin Campbell writes).

The division, which embraces Methuen, Heinemann and Mandarin, and whose titles in children's books include *Winnie the Pooh* and *Thomas the Tank Engine*, might be expected to command up to £400 million if put up for sale.

Thorn EMI and Bertelsmann, the German publishing and music conglomerate, could be interested. Last December, Reed paid £955 million for *Mead Data Central*, the US electronic publisher.

Tunnel coach licence delayed

By Jonathan Prynn
transport correspondent

EUROTUNNEL faces losing much of the lucrative cross-Channel coach business to the ferries over the crucial summer season because of hold-ups in obtaining its coach-carrying licence from the safety authorities.

With many tour coach operators now making their summer bookings to the Continent, every day that passes without the licence means more desperately needed revenue is lost.

The final stages of tests and safety checks by the Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC), the Channel Tunnel safety authority, are being carried over the coming weeks and Eurotunnel hopes to receive the licence this month.

A range of stringent safety tests, including emergency evacuation procedures, have to be passed before Eurotunnel is allowed to carry passengers on coaches. Drivers' unfamiliarity with manoeuvring coaches on to the special shuttle waggons is thought to have caused some of the problems.

The coach licence is the last of 16 that the company has had to obtain before being able to offer a full service to all its potential customers. Hold-ups in receiving safety clearance was one of the *biggest factors in the late opening of the* Tunnel, which has resulted severe financial problems for the company.

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Name sues accountant over losses at Lloyd's

By Sarah Bagnall

A SELF-EMPLOYED dealer in antiquarian books is taking legal action against Neville Russell, the accountant, in a bid to win compensation for his Lloyd's losses.

Keith Fawkes-Underwood, the Lloyd's name, claims the accountant breached oral and written contracts and committed a breach of duty because it allegedly failed to disclose information in its possession about the insurance market.

Mr Fawkes-Underwood, 52, joined Lloyd's in 1985 with an underwriting limit of £300,000, but over the years this was lifted to £1 million. He made a profit of £10,000 before the losses began. These have reached £300,000 so far but substantial further losses are expected as claims are still feeding through.

Neville Russell was Mr Fawkes-Underwood's tax advisers from late-1985 to 1988. The legal action centres on a letter written by Neville Russell to Lloyd's in February 1982. The letter, addressed to the manager of Lloyd's audit department, was written on behalf of a group of accountants, including Ernst & Whinney, now part of Ernst & Young, and Littlejohn & Co, now part of Littlejohn Fraser. The letter said the accountants considered it impossible to determine with accuracy the magnitude of asbestosis claims likely to hit the insurance market. They wrote: "The Audit Instructions require that if there are any factors which may affect the adequacy of the reserves [of syndicates], then the auditor must report to the committee . . . we consider that the impossibility of determining the liability in respect of asbestosis falls into this category and we . . . ask for your instructions in this respect."

John Mackenzie, at Mackenzie Persaud, Mr Fawkes-Underwood solicitor, said: "I believe accountants that had names as clients had a duty to inform these names that the ultimate loss they faced was impossible to determine."

Earlier this year, Mr Fawkes-Underwood started legal proceedings against two other small firms of accountants alleging breach of contract for holding themselves out as advisers for Mr Fawkes-Underwood's Lloyd's affairs saying they had "sufficient expert knowledge" of Lloyd's to be able to give him proper and adequate advice.

□ Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said on yesterday's Goldring programme on [illegible], that he would not be against outside regulation of Lloyd's. He said it would have "terrific advantages" if it was done effectively.

Russia and De Beers talk peace

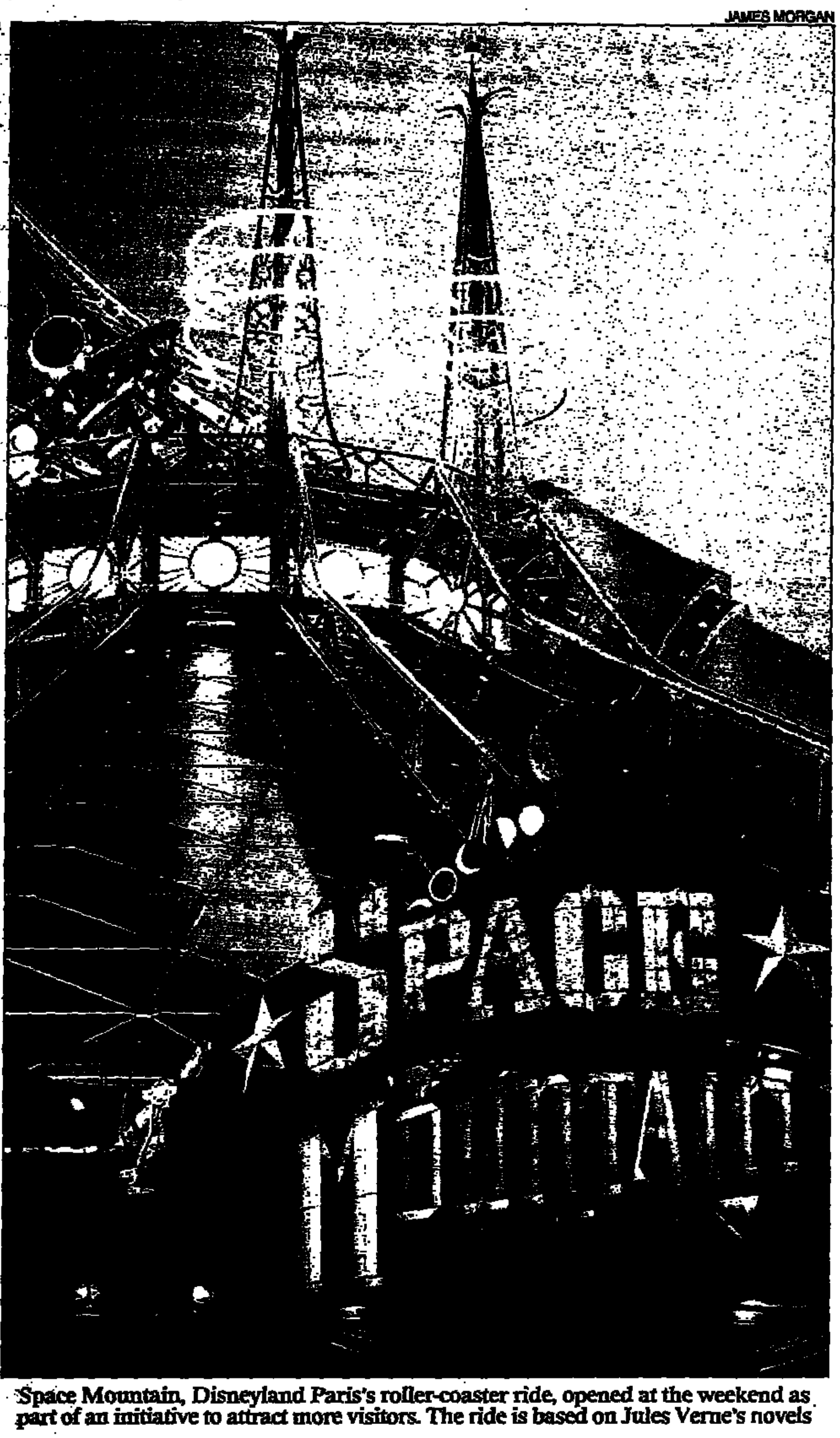
By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

DE BEERS and Russia may soon resolve their long-running dispute over Russian diamonds being sold outside the ambit of the central selling organisation (CSO) and, thereby, to the detriment of the world diamond market, analysts believe.

If so, "peace" between De Beers and Russia could lead to an early rise in the price of rough stones.

De Beers and the Russians have long been in dispute over a five-year agreement, signed in 1990, under which Russian diamonds are channelled through the CSO.

The Russians want a larger percentage take of the sales contract. De Beers wants the Russians to stop destabilising the world market by selling its stones to non-CSO sources.



Space Mountain, Disneyland Paris's roller-coaster ride, opened at the weekend as part of an initiative to attract more visitors. The ride is based on Jules Verne's novels

Holvis legal battle forecast

THE chairman of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the paper group, has issued a warning that a tangled legal free-for-all is likely to develop over Holvis, the Swiss textile and paper company which is the subject of two rival bids (Neil Bennett writes).

Cob Stenham said at the weekend that it is almost inevitable that the situation will finish in the Swiss courts, whatever the decision of the Swiss takeover commission, due this week.

The commission is due to rule on whether a bid from BBA, the British engineering group, is valid. But either BBA or International Paper, the rival bidder from the US, is likely to take legal action if the decision does not go in its favour. Arjo has offered to buy Muhlebach, a subsidiary of Holvis, from International Paper for around SFr200 million (£108 million) if its bid succeeds. BBA's bid has disturbed the Swiss competition authorities because it contains a lockout clause which insists that Holvis must sell Fiberweb, its non-woven textile manufacturing business, even if it succumbs to a higher offer.

Ritblat proposes property ventures

By Carl Mortished

JOHN Ritblat, chairman of British Land, will soon be running two real estate businesses, with the transformation of Conrad Ritblat Sinclair Goldsmith, the quoted surveying firm, into a property company.

Mr Ritblat, who also occupies the chairman's seat at CRSG and owns 5 per cent of its shares, said he wants the firm to set up joint ventures with clients, taking an equity interest in the property and managing the building. He said: "We are actively talking to very large clients who want to contract out management, who don't want to sell the premises entirely but would like to realise some cash."

CRSG has astonished the estate agency world by acquiring a freehold property portfolio with almost double the floorspace needed to house its staff. Since the reverse takeover of the quoted Sinclair Goldsmith in 1993 by the private Conrad Ritblat, the merged firm has bought £27 million of property, funded with two share issues.

In an industry squeezed between high costs and falling revenues, CRSG's freehold asset base has protected it and provided extra revenue. But Philip Lewis, CRSG director, suggests that property profits from joint ventures could equal those from estate agency business, which earned £1.2 million last year. "We have the ability to put equity into a situation," he said

Mr Ritblat said: CRSG could gear up on some £35 million of net assets to acquire more property. Others in the surveying industry speculate that his agenda may go further, with takeovers of one or more of the small property companies which survived the recession but whose high overheads barely justify a stock market quote.

Panmure Gordon, CRSG's broker, reckons the market is already valuing the firm as a property company. Michael Prew, property analyst, says the shares trade at about a 20 per cent discount to net asset value of 27p — about average for the property sector. But he says, "the market is ignoring a successful agency business, which is in for free".

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Europe's small firms fear social-cost rise

EUROPE'S small to medium-sized businesses (SMEs) are worried about higher social costs but British companies are the least concerned because of the UK's decision to opt out of the Social Chapter, according to a survey published yesterday by 3i's European enterprise centre. It said that the Germans, on 73 per cent, were most concerned about social costs, while the British score was 52 per cent.

The report, based on responses from 698 companies in Britain, Germany, France, Spain and Italy, identified severe competition as the biggest problem facing SMEs. Reducing costs is considered less important for growth than improving quality and services. Most companies perceived European competitors as the biggest threat while only British companies perceived the Pacific Rim as posing the greatest danger. Dr Neil Cross, international director of 3i said that the survey highlighted "the need for labour costs to be kept under control".

Nursing Home debut

NURSING HOME PROPERTIES, the specialist property group that raised £15 million in a share placing in March, is to join the alternative investment market after its launch on June 19. NHP yesterday announced the purchase of a 63-bed nursing home in Craigavon, Northern Ireland. The property group will simultaneously lease back the home to the vendors on a 25-year lease at a gross yield of 10.8 per cent. NHP now owns ten homes at a capital commitment of £20 million and is in talks with a number of potential new tenants. Further deals are expected soon.

Electronic trading link

LIBERTY, part of the Cedel securities clearing house, has signed with a US partner for InterTrade Direct, its electronic share bargain routing service. Fidelity Capital Markets, a broker and fund manager based in Chicago, will become one of the main execution points for trades ordered through InterTrade Direct and which need to be executed in North American markets. Liberty's other North American partner is Mesirow Financial of Chicago. FCM's Electronic Trading Group will use InterTrade Direct to provide electronic routing services and will add a cross-border trading capability.

RTZ denies shares plan

RTZ, the mining group whose shareholder meetings are disrupted annually by special interest groups, yesterday denied plans to consolidate its shares, which would make it more expensive for the holder of a single share to attend the group's annual meeting. RTZ shares currently trade at 823p each. RTZ's annual meeting on May 10 lasted three hours and six minutes. At least three shareholders, representing Friends of the Earth, and who had been persistently vocal of operations in Madagascar, were forcible ejected after persistent disruption of Sir Derek Birkin, RTZ's chairman.

Barings 'silver lining'

A BANK of England executive director said yesterday the Barings collapse had been good for the City. Speaking on television, Pen Kent said there had been "a beneficial spin-off" from the failure. It would make other banks tougher in their own internal controls. He said tougher self-regulation would benefit depositors, borrowers and everyone using financial services. But he also said the greatest threat to the City was over-regulation and interference with the market place. Mr Kent said the Bank could not underwrite every UK financial institution, since it would create "a different sort of risk".

Political will could tame risk

Base rates are near their peak. A further rate rise this year, of half or three-quarters of a point, will be enough to keep underlying inflation below 2.5 per cent next year. Almost nobody expects a rise this week, but perhaps Kenneth Clarke will make a quarter-point hike, thus both appearing tough and signalling that rates are near the top.

In the near term, reduced inflation fears will let gilts match any further global bond rally and outperform slightly. Next year, an improved economic backdrop will keep the gilt-bund spread well below the 200 basis-point peak seen before the 1992 election. There is an outside chance that Labour will increase its commitment to low inflation and keep the pre-election risk premium at, or below, today's levels.

Price pressures are rising in manufacturing. Across the whole economy, however, low wage gains and excess service sector capacity will cap inflation. Buoyant investment has expanded the service sector capital stock three times as fast as that in manufacturing in the past ten years, and the overall capital stock has grown well ahead of GDP. Thus, while output prices are picking up, service prices weaken and retail margins decline.

Wage deals remain low enough to cap unit labour cost growth below 2 per cent this year. Although the jobless rate is below its ten-year norm, the dampening effect on wages of any jobless rate has been increased by the plunge in union membership, a shake-out of white-collar jobs and a shift towards self-employment and part-time work. The jobless total is also restrained by rising numbers in higher education and on invalidity benefits. Unemployment among men of 25 to 49 matches the 1980s peak, and CBI surveys show below-average shortages for skilled labour.

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Slowing growth will limit capacity strains next year. Lead indicators are falling, while weakness in M0, house prices and consumer confidence point to sluggish consumption. With a low pound boosting exports, recession risks are small. However, with a further base rate rise, growth will slow back to its trend of about 2.5 per cent in 1996.

By the end of this year, underlying inflation will have been below 4 per cent for three years, the longest peacetime period of low inflation since the 1930s. The flaw is that this bullish inflation outlook relies on a politically unpopular mix of weak consumer confidence and low wage gains, leaving the Government with dire poll ratings. For gilts to benefit fully from the inflation prospects, investors will need to be convinced that the current emphasis on low inflation is politically sustainable.

The Government is unlikely to make a big shift to more inflationary monetary or fiscal policies. The Bank of England will push again for a rate rise if activity increases, while slowing growth will hit tax revenue and limit scope for a giveaway November Budget. Large tax cuts not offset by spending cuts could backfire politically if voters fear that the giveaway is unsustainable.

Labour's policies remain more uncertain. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, has vowed to aim for a stable public debt/GDP ratio and to borrow only to invest (the golden rule). These fiscal rules sound reasonable, but, as currently stated, could let Labour loosen fiscal policy significantly if it wished. Different measures of investment spending could put the golden rule for next year anywhere from £10 billion to £30 billion. Mr Brown has not specified his target for the public debt ratio. The Government also lacks clear fiscal rules, but recent Budgets have established its tough reputation. If Labour's fiscal ambiguities remain, the markets will charge an extra risk premium as an election nears.

However, Mr Brown's statements may not be the last word. Mr Clarke is soon likely to set a new medium-term inflation target, probably 0 to 3 per cent. If Labour commits itself to such a target, to making the Bank independent and to producing clear, tough fiscal rules, the risk of a shift from low-inflation policies will plummet. Such a move would help Labour by cutting the risk of market pressure derailing its policies. If Labour does all this, the gilt-bund spread could go below 100 basis points, from 140 now.

Michael Saunders
—Salomon Brothers

CHANGE ON WEEK

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US dollar
1.5862 (-0.0183)
German mark
2.2570 (+0.0163)
Exchange index
84.0 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT-30 share
2529.1 (+20.8)
FT-SE 100
3345.0 (+33.9)
New York Dow Jones
4444.39 (+75.39)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
15849.13 (+164.86)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.16
Austria Sch	16.85	15.35
Belgium Fr	49.17	44.87
Canada $	2.299	2.139
Cyprus Cyp£	0.752	0.697
Denmark Kr	9.42	8.62
Finland Mkk	7.47	6.82
France Fr	8.34	7.89
Germany Dm	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	13.01	12.01
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.3046	4.5546
Italy Lira	2735.00	2580.00
Japan Yen	150.00	134.00
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.674	2.444
Norway Kr	10.60	9.80
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.44
Spain Pta	202.50	189.50
Sweden Kr	12.25	11.45
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	refer	66738.0
USA $	1.696	1.586

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Taxpayers bear burden of free-market excesses

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Over the next few weeks, the Chancellor will be bombarded with calls to aid the housing market in his November Budget. The simplest would be to reverse previous measures. Restoring mortgage interest relief would surely be an expensive waste of taxpayers' money. After the fall in interest rates, that is not the main problem. Confidence has been damaged more by the impending cut in social security support for those who have lost their income, discriminating against owner-occupiers. But much of the damage has been done, reminding people of the risks of buying a home when house prices are static and employment chancy.

One academic's speculative but much-hyped projection of a long downtrend in prices has stuck in people's minds. A more practical, if costly, policy would therefore be to allow generous tax reliefs to help people adjust to such new realities.

A single regime could cover those saving to buy their first home and those trying to climb out of the trap of negative equity. In a sense, they are in the same boat. Negative equity stems mainly from people borrowing too much of the value of a house. Those who have income need to cut their mortgage. In a more cautious market, first-time buyers need to save for a bigger down payment. A limited savings vehicle with the tax benefits of a pension scheme could bridge the gap.

The lessons of the housing debacle run much wider. They have evidently yet to be learnt. In essence, they stem from a political philosophy that does not work: the notion that policies should be determined solely by economic efficiency, but that a kindly State can succour individuals who are too badly hurt.

This combination sounds reasonable, satisfying both free marketeers and single-nation welfarers. Experience suggests, however, that it tends to ratchet up public spending and taxation. Economic cycles apart, it explains why a government that has worked so hard over 16 years to reduce the role of the State has still failed to cut the proportion of national income taken in taxation or public borrowing.

In housing, this has worked in complex ways. The boom was fed by deregulation aimed at boosting competition among lenders. But it was not only lenders and borrowers who relied on house price inflation. So did the State. At the same time, measures were being taken to cut hundreds of thousands of steady utility jobs, to allow less job security and to promote labour mobility, not least via the right to buy. These different elements have reacted together to make more people need state support and to increase the demand for renewed, or higher, state aid for social housing.

This is not the first time that housing reforms have unexpectedly boosted public spending. When the Government loosened rent controls, to stimulate a private alternative to council housing, it had to promise support for those who could not afford to pay. The private rental sector has hardly boomed: the cost to taxpayers certainly has.

Abolition of wages councils, combined with tax incentives to employers to create low-paid, part-time jobs, has had similarly mixed effects on public spending, though the balance is harder to judge. These arguments are being replayed over Labour's plan for a minimum wage. Would the effect on unemployment, which looms so large in increased public spending, outweigh savings in state support to low-paid people who are now worse off? The CBI rejects a national minimum wage, arguing instead that it would be better to give direct subsidies to employers or to extend in-work social security benefits. That sounds rather ominous for taxpayers.

Clearly, many measures to cut public spending have worked. Privatisation has usually been good for taxpayers, as well as the industries concerned. In water, the State shifted the huge burden of investment to customers and private finance. Higher social security support for poor people hit by price rises absorbs only a small proportion of the gains. Other utilities' prices have generally fallen in real terms. That cuts retail price inflation and, therefore, cuts the cost of state pensions and indexed social benefits.

Even privatisation can boost tax and public borrowing, however, if the implications are not thought through properly. Reform of rail is structured round a theoretical model that aims to unpick the functions of the network, maximise competition and minimise cross-subsidies — the preferred new model for all utilities. Yet cross-subsidies offer a fairly painless way for affluent consumers to help poorer ones without recourse to taxation. Eliminate these cosy monopoly elements and public spending bears the strain. In rail, direct subsidies from taxpayers will initially rise as a result of privatisation.

Even an American approach to taxation can backfire in this way. VAT on domestic fuel gave the most notorious example. To raise £3 billion, the State had to spend an extra £1 billion or so to aid hard-hit pensioners. Since 1979, there has been a sharp and deliberate shift from taxes on income to taxes on spending. The theoretical case is strong, but neglects the impact on indexed social security payments. That shift alone has added roughly one percentage point to the proportion of national income taken in taxes and public borrowing.

To America's radical Republicans, there is no conflict in de-regulation, axeing cross-subsidies, aiming for perfect competition and cutting direct taxes. They want to sweep away welfare, too. Translated to Europe, where the majority of voters demand that a welfare state be retained, dogmatic free-market policies are often funded by the very taxpayers they aim to serve. Cutting taxes is a subtler and trickier art.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Glittering occasion

THE engagement is announced of the London Diamond Bourse, born 1940 at Mrs Cohen's Café, in Greville Street, London, and currently resident at 100 Hatton Garden, to the London Diamond Club, born November 7, 1940, at Ely Place, currently resident at 87 Hatton Garden. The marriage feast is on Wednesday at the King David Suite, 32 Cumberland Place. The couple will reside at 100 Hatton Garden, and will be styled the London Diamond Bourse and Club. Diamond presents only, please.

Pay packet

THIS looks like a "must attend" event for fat cats, pigs and all other animals with an eye on the trough. City law firm Cameron Markby Hewitt is hosting two seminars on executive pay — on June 13 at their City office, and on June 19 at the Institute of Directors. "The seminars will advise people with responsibility for remuneration on how best to handle the legal and PR issues involved in executive pay awards." It could be standing room only.

Oops! This year's popular Singer & Friedlander Small Company Investment Show, at the Barbican, is being held on — October 19. The anniversary of Black Monday, 1987, I seem to recall.

Saddle sore

IF you see Simon Wharmby of broker Charles Stanley hobbling around this week, here's why. Having raised £6,000 for the RNIB last year running a marathon in Bordeaux, he is now on a 200-mile cycle ride from Ravenglass, Cumbria, to Whitby, North Yorkshire, raising funds for Roselea Friends of the Imperial Cancer Research. Sponsors welcomed.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Curbs on Japanese cars are leaving the US isolated, says **Ian Brodie**

America drives over the limit

Big may be beautiful in the US but it does not sell well in Japan, where demand is overwhelmingly for small cars

On a recent trip to Tokyo, I visited a showroom to ask about buying an American car. "Certainly," said the salesman, "may I see your parking permit?" That was the first surprise. Before considering any model, a customer needs a certificate from the police to show he has enough space to park. A mid-size American car needs two spaces. And would I mind, the salesman asked, if the steering wheel was on the wrong side because few American cars arrived in Japan equipped for driving on the left.

Within minutes, it became clearer why the Japanese insist that the US inability to crack their car market is as much Detroit's failure to consider the needs of Japan's motorists as the result of a protectionist plot.

Now this festering sore in Japanese-American relations has broken open again and is threatening to flare into a trade war so serious that it could even raise doubts about the strength and durability of the two nations' mutual security treaty that has lain at the heart of their Pax Pacifica for 35 years. As recriminations intensify, the US is becoming increasingly isolated. Its actions smack of hypocrisy and could suffocate the fledgling World Trade Organisation.

At issue is President Clinton's decision to impose 100 per cent tariffs that would double the cost in the US of nearly $6 billion worth of Japanese luxury cars. The penalty will reduce sales of the 13 targeted models from 215,000 last year to zero, unless a compromise can be reached before Mr Clinton's deadline of June 28. He and Tomiichi Murayama, the Japanese Prime Minister, will meet on June 15 before the G7 economic summit in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The following day, their negotiators are expected to resume discussions in Geneva.

The Americans have made three demands. One, they seek access to "high quality" car dealers in Japan. The Japanese say the Americans have failed to invest in dealerships. Two, the US wants Japanese manufacturers to buy more parts for new cars from American suppliers. In Japan, parts are traditionally made by companies with interlocking links to the car firms under the old boy network known as keiretsu. Three, the Americans ask why their cheaper replacement parts are seldom used when Japanese cars need repairs to meet stringent government inspections. Again, the garages have close ties to the manufacturers.

Mickey Kantor, the aggressive Los Angeles lawyer who is Mr Clinton's Trade Representative, says: "It's not a level playing field." He claims the argument is about jobs and the 2.5 million Americans directly employed in the motor industry. Translation: Mr Clinton is trying to shore up his blue-collar base in the mid-west states that will be crucial to his re-election hopes.

Mr Kantor fulminates in favour of free trade, but keeps very quiet about America's own restrictive practices. If lifted, they could contribute mightily towards easing the $60 billion trade imbalance with Japan. For example, the Japanese cannot buy unprocessed logs from trees felled in forests on federal land in the US Pacific North-west. Nor can they cut through regulations that bar them from importing Alaskan oil and gas. Nor can they bid on contracts to ship Alaskan oil to US ports.

All these barriers have been raised to protect US special interests whose tentacles have proved at least as unyielding as those of the keiretsu. Steve Hanke, an economics professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore who served on Ronald Reagan's council of economic advisers, says the US has been steadily closing its markets to Japan since the early 1980s. Now, he says, the Clinton Administration has over-reached in an absurd case and shot itself in the foot.

Messrs Clinton and Kantor appear to have forgotten all about the World Trade Organisation that they fought so hard to establish as a successor to Gatt. Formed only five months ago, the WTO is supposed to be the arbiter of global trade disputes. America's unilateral imposition of punitive tariffs on Japan's luxury cars was a breach of WTO regulations. There is not an independent trade lawyer to be found who thinks the US can now win belated support for the sanctions from the WTO.

Mr Clinton has left himself only unpalatable options. If he loses at the WTO and then defies the organisation he will effectively kill it at birth. Yet if he complies with a WTO ruling that goes against him, he could lose the car workers whose loyalty he is trying to secure and leave himself open to attack by Republican protectionists who are already agitating about America's loss of economic sovereignty to a supranational body.

Washington's hopes for a resolution of the stand-off depend on a replay of previous trading deadlocks. The Japanese have always caved in during the final reel. This time, though, Tokyo's lead negotiator is the intractable Trade Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto. He is convinced that his ambition to become prime minister will be enhanced by refusing to crack. He has many allies at home and abroad. The Europeans have condemned the American sanctions. So have Japan's Asian neighbours, who fear that they would be the next targets forced to set aside a certain portion of their markets for American goods.

In Washington, serious voices have been raised against the proposed measures. Carla Hills, Mr Kantor's predecessor as Trade Representative, says the Americans have a good case, but have made themselves outlaws by acting unilaterally. Senator Bill Bradley, who is sometimes mentioned as a potential challenger to Mr Clinton for the Democratic party's presidential nomination, believes that long-term damage has already been inflicted on relations with the Japanese. Even if they back down, he says, their attitude could stiffen on management of exchange rates and as a lender of last resort, as well as towards co-operation on Russia, China and North Korea.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association is running a spirited campaign to try to save its 900 luxury car dealerships in the US by laying the blame on Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. In newspaper advertisements, the association asserts that Detroit's Big Three simply do not offer any small and midget cars that make up 80 per cent of the Japanese market.

I am reminded of the Tokyo car salesman. As he surveyed his inventory of large, left-hand drive American vehicles, he sighed and said: "Business would be a lot better if only American car makers would design a small car for the Japanese housewife."

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 33

ACESCENT
(a) Turning sour. "It's rather a wonderful thing, dear heart, but as we grow old together it seems to me you are, if possible, even more acescent than ever."

XYSTER
(b) A surgeon's instrument for scraping bones. "Well, Mary Ann, if you are sure the doctors cannot find anything wrong with you, why not try a naturopath? And ask them to give you a good going over with a xyster? Does wonders for your circulation, I am told."

AEAEAE
(a) Magic, as in *aeaeae artes* the magic arts, one of the few all-vowel six-letter words. Aeaea was the surname of the legendary pig-fancier Circe, and the name of her mythical island somewhere off the coast of Italy. Useful in Scrabble. You can always say, "Strictly speaking it may be foreign, but it is a word that every schoolgirl knows, isn't it?"

ONIOMANIA
(c) An irresistible urge to buy things, the curious modern phenomenon that makes millions think that fun is a weekend spent at Brent Cross or Oxford Street. The condition is generally found in association with penury. Where it is not it soon will be, especially as oniomaniacs, like thermanaesthetics, often marry each other.

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Kenneth Gosling

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6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

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All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (MW: Off the Shelf) **5.45** Streets of London **6.00** News **6.30** Anything Goes (MW: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **7.30** Foreign Postings **8.00** News **8.15** Development '95 **8.30** Heritage **9.00** News (MW: News in German) **9.10** Faith (MW: News in German) **9.15** Opera of the Week **10.00** News **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News (MW: News in German) **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Best on Record **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Global Concerns (MW: News in German) **4.45** Pop (MW: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Opera of the Week **6.00** News **6.15** Opera **6.30** World Today (MW: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Development **Midnight** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** John Dunn **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Folk **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** Nat King Cole **2.45** Health **3.00** News **3.30** Two Cheers for May **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** A to Z of Classical Music **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **11.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Lord Briggs on Victorian Culture and Society *6.55 Weather*
7.00 On Air: Mozart (Sextet in E flat); Franck, arr Gant (Panis angelicus); Takemitsu (Litany); **8.05** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Trio Sonata in F, Op 5 No 6); **8.25** Tchaikovsky (My protector, my angel, my friend; None but the lonely heart); Vivaldi (Dixit Dominus, RV594)
9.00 Fairest Isle: Composers of the Week — Henry and William Lawes
9.45 Musical Encounters: *Artist of the Week*: Clara Haskil, piano. Beethoven (Violin Sonata in A, Op 30 No 1); **10.05** Brahms (Two Motets); Vivaldi (Concerto in D, La pastorella); Mozart (Nine Variations on a Theme of Duport); Tobias Picker (The Encantadas); **11.15** Marais (The Bells of St Genevieve); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor)
12.00 Grétry to Gershwin: Roy Strong presents the second of a six-part history of light opera
1.00 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Guarneri Trio, Prague, performs Haydn (Piano Trio in G, Gypsy Rondo); Dvořák (Piano Trio in E minor, Dumky)
2.00 Schools: *Lifesids* **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka performs Wagner (Overture, Venusberg music, Tannhäuser); Duparc (Lénore)
3.45 The Stations of the Cross: Simon Wright performs *Marcel Dupré's symphonic* poem on the organ of Ampleforth Abbey (r)
4.30 You Take Some Skins . . . In the second of six programmes, Russell Davies explores the relationship between black and white jazz musicians
5.00 The Music Machine: Dirk Campbell explores ethnic music in London. In the first of five programmes this week he listens to the bagpipes and drums of northwest Spain's Galicians
5.15 *In Tune, with Richard Baker*. Helsted (Pas de deux, Flower Festival in Genzano); **6.03** Chopin (Variations in A, Souvenir de Paganini); Mozart (Exsultate, jubilate)
7.25 Fairest Isle: Live from Covent Garden. Royal Opera Chorus; Orchestra of the Royal Opera House under Robert Spano perform Acts 1 and 2 of Benjamin's Britten's nautical opera, *Billy Budd*, in a new production from Geneva by Francesca Zambello; **9.00** Aspects of Britten: Jeremy J. Beadle charts life at sea in the 18th century; **9.20** Acts 3 and 4
10.45 Mixing It
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: A recital by the Russian cellist Daniil Shafran, who is accompanied by Anton Ginzburg, piano, and Steven Isserlis. Including pieces by Shostakovich, arr Shafran, Schnittke, Prokofiev, *Tchaikovsky and Shchedrin*
1.00-2.00am Night School: German: Die Schnuffler **1.40** Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Charismatics: In the last of the series, Dame Barbara Castle nominates Aneurin Bevan **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and *Times* columnist Brenda Maddox. With Margaret Drabble, David Edgar, Bryan Appleyard, Christopher Lee
10.00-10.30 News; With Great Pleasure (FM only): Tracy *Edwards, captain of The Maiden* in the Whitbread round-the-world yacht race, introduces prose, poetry and fiction which has inspired and entertained her
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only): See Choice
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the American writer and poet Marge Piercy
11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 *4444*. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News, You and Yours
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1995: First Round — The Home Counties **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 *News; Cathal of the Woods*, by Lindsay Clarke's tale of a monk's magical voyage of discovery. With Gerard Green and James Telfer (r)
3.00 *The Afternoon Shift*
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen celebrates the 50th anniversary of *Peter Grimes* by Benjamin Britten
4.45 Short Story: Mr Ossie's Rolled-Gold Fish and Chip Shop, by Vincent McInerney. Read by Richard Tate
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*, with Humphrey Lyttelton (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Battle for the Dome, by Jean Binnie. See Choice
8.15 My Kind of Trust: Roses, Camellias and Holly Hedges. Penelope Keith visits Nymans in Sussex, childhood home of Lord Snowdon
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Legend of the Golem. *Eleanor Bron reads the first of a five-part adaptation of Body of Glass* by Marge Piercy
11.00-11.30 Eating Out (FM only): Klive cricket team in Somerset stop play for tea (r)
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only)
11.30-12.00 Kipling in Love (FM only): *Venus Annodomini*. The third of eight plays based on the stories of Rudyard Kipling. With Alex Jennings (r)
11.30 Please Don't Ride Your Bicycle over the Sufferings of My Soul (LW only): The writer and producer Adrian Mourby looks at the rejection of scripts, from both sides
11.45 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.45am News, incl 12.27 *Weather 12.33* Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (LW only)

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From blight to blackness, via Steve Wright

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

I was right about **The Hanging Gale** (BBC1). "Things will get worse," I predicted, and by jiminy they did. Towards the end of last night's final episode of this excellent Irish potato famine drama, the toll of misery, tragedy and waste was having the same effect as the later novels of Thomas Hardy — heaping great paving slabs onto your stoically braced sensibilities until finally a feather is laid on the burden and you crack. Maeve Phelan (Fiona Victory) had lost husband, parents, father-in-law, brother, home and livelihood, but it was only when her little son succumbed to the pestilence that the waterworks spouted in this house. "Forgive me for letting you die," she pleaded with his little corpse. At which point I struck the board and cried "No more!"

The suffering, the injustice — *The Hanging Gale* was not about laughs, certainly. Against a cinematic background of cliffs and strands, each of the four upstanding Phelan brothers (played by the four famous McGanns) chose a different policy against oppression: Liam, the priest, believed in reasoning with the English landlords and *The Times;* Daniel believed in vengeance and terrorism; Sean believed in passive tenantry; and Con believed in raising money for food by risking his life in stick-fights. Naturally, none of these beliefs was vindicated by the unfolding events, and Allan Cubitt's epic script left all the brothers either dead, or empty shells, or cheerlessly embarked for America.

Meanwhile the improbably enlightened English agent played by Michael Kitchen continued to operate with Christ-like forbearance, and was finally shot dead in the arms of the Irish servant, Mary (Tina Kellegher). Kitchen's performance — hollow, gentle, lonely — was superb. Ever since his role in *To Play the King*, Kitchen unavoidably brings a little bit of the Prince of Wales to all his roles: the selfless man with his hands tied; the sad man nobody can reach. In *The Buccaneers* he attempted cool vindictiveness, and I didn't much believe it. No, Townsend was a terrific role for him. On receiving a death-threat, Townsend hands the letter straight to Mary, explaining that she may be in danger too. The crisis of conscience this brings to Mary — the enemy within — means that the quiet scenes inside the house were always quite as big as anything raging outside.

Not a bad night for drama last night, especially if genocide is your favoured dramatic dish. Screen Two's **Black Easter** (BBC2) was a very impressive film, and continued *The Hanging Gale*'s lessons in racial slaughter and enemies within, but chose to project forward into a blue, alienating future instead of back into a sepia comfy past. Stylistically, where *The Hanging Gale* was maybe *Ryan's Daughter, Black Easter* was *Blade Runner*. Trevor Eve, in a big blue suit and a big smug smile (soon wiped off), played a corruptible German policeman investigating a race murder in Dresden in the year 2000. The German-Polish border is Europe's front line against refugees fleeing west; German race laws operate to "keep the shit out". The constant low rumble you could hear was the end of civilisation as we know it.

The plot was complicated but not perversely difficult, and by a few deft strokes writer David Pirie had placed Eve down among the shit on the wrong side of the wall, leading a little band of hopefuls along an underground route back to Germany. It was never exactly *The Sound of Music* in terms of optimism, but I have to say I was utterly unprepared for the horrifying climax of the film, when the refugees set off up a black, satanic clinker-hill, and Eve started to suspect a trap.

Black Easter was one of those rare dramas in which the viewer feels the penny drop at the precise same moment as the character on screen. "This looks familiar," I thought, frowning. "There's something wrong." And then: "Oh God, they're all going to die." The refugees were led inside a cave, told to grip a hand-rope (actually a cable), and electrocuted. Eve discovered the plot just in time, and lived to see the huge, unbelievable pit of corpses into which he would have been thrown like rubbish. In a sequence which seemed endless, his torch-light roved across the bodies back and forth. There was no place, it seemed, where it made any sense to stop.

Sorry for all the gloom, but I don't make the programmes. How can I relieve the horror? With news of **Steve Wright's People Show**, perhaps, which returned with a new series on Saturday (BBC1). In this era of post-Letterman chat let-down, people are actively asking: "Can the Brits manage such pointless panache?" And, well, Steve Wright is their dismal answer. Not only does he look like an over-eager accountant; he is outclassed by the stooges from the audience.

Anyway, to deflect attention, *Steve Wright's People Show* rockets along with two-minute celebrity interviews, guest singers, outside broadcasts, and audience games. The sense of urgency is bogus but reassuring: however bad this is, it will soon be over. Richard E. Grant described changing a nappy (thanks, Richard); Annie Lennox performed an absurd rendition of *Whiter Shade of Pale*, while male ballerinas stepped out of their white toile and removed eye make-up.

Oh dear, oh dear. The only people who deserved their own show were the two excellent women who sang Abba's *Dancing Queen* to a karaoke tape while riding a Blackpool rollercoaster. Admittedly, not many people would want to do it. But clearly it takes some nerve.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (64563)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (90472327)

9.05 Big Day Out. A tour of the British countryside, beginning in the small Cotswold town of Moreton-in-Marsh (r) (s) (8041476) **9.50 Hot Chefs** (r) (s) (3349476)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9157582)

Sue Lawley reports from the wards (10.05am)

10.05 CHOICE **Hospital Watch** (s) (7666785)

10.45 Good Morning Summer Weekday magazine series (s). Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (93492940)

12.25 Going For Gold with the entertaining Henry Kelly (s) (4970056) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (64156853)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (43921) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (35083037)

1.50 Howards' Way Drama series set among the South Coast yachting set (r) (Ceefax) (5944414) **2.45 Castles.** A drama series about three generations of a North London family (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1439259)

3.35 Cartoon (1225327) **3.45 Dinobabies.** Cartoon double bill (r) (6083178) **4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4259143) **4.30 The Movie Game.** Film and video quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (2343853)

4.55 Newsround. (Ceefax) (7797563) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (7391056)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (956327)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (766)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (178) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Hospital Watch. The second of the day's four visits to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge (s) (4143)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck. Health issues examined by Judith Hann and Alice Beer. (Ceefax) (s) (230)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (9993)

8.30 Next Of Kin Sit-com starring Penelope Keith and William Gaunt as reluctant grandparents. (Ceefax) (s) (9698)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5230)

9.30 Panorama Topical series. (Ceefax) (703582)

10.10 Hospital Watch. Another visit to Addenbrooke's in Cambridge (s) (814124)

10.40 Film 95 With Barry Norman Among the film reviewed are *Six Degrees of Separation, Tales from the Crypt* and *Jack and Sarah* (Ceefax) (s) (595969). **Northern Ireland:** Places Apart 11.10 Film 95 11.40 Hospital Watch 11.50-2.00 Film Hostile Witness

11.10 Hospital Watch The final visit of the day to Addenbrooke's (s) (758582)

11.20 FILM: Hostile Witness (1988) starring Sam Waterston. A drama about a Middle East terrorist who is kidnapped and taken to America to stand trial for murder. A courtroom battle of wills ensues between the prosecuting counsel, the defendant and his liberal Jewish defence lawyer. Directed by Jeff Bleckner. (Ceefax) (86133872)

1.30 Weather (6375525)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (8019495)

8.15 The Breaking — The Arab Horse. An untamed Arab stallion is schooled by his trainer (r) (8902768)

8.25 The Vital River. A documentary about how a lack of planning in river management and flood control is threatening bird habitats (5358037)

8.50 Holiday Outings. Jill Dando reports from the Algarve (s) (2139501)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.45** Words and Pictures (93037327) **2.00** Noddy (69777747)

2.10 Tennis. The French Open championships from the Stade Roland Garros in Paris. The commentators are John Barrett, Mark Cox, David Mercer and Virginia Wade. Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.55** (82322211)

6.00 FILM: Buck Rogers in the 25th Century — Journey to Oasis (1979) starring Gil Gerard, Erin Gray and Tim O'Connor. Astronaut Rogers lifts off from Earth in 1987 and is blown off course, leaving him frozen in space. When he eventually manages to escape he returns to Earth and discovers that more than 500 years have gone by. Directed by Daniel Haller (11946872)

7.35 Amazing Stories: You Gotta Believe Me starring Charles Durning. A man, convinced his nightmare of a plane crashing on to his home will be fact, makes a midnight dash to the airport to try to prevent a catastrophe (s) (483582)

8.00 The Net. A magazine series on computers and the digital world (Ceefax) (s) (8105)

8.30 Perpetual Motion. In praise of the Ford Transit, which first came on to the road in 1965 (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5740)

9.00 Outer Limits: The Second Soul. A science-fiction thriller series. Contact is made with an extraterrestrial civilisation on a dying planet. (Ceefax) (s) (264037)

Deborah Harry reflects on Blondie (9.40pm)

9.40 CHOICE **The Music Biz: The Image.** (Ceefax) (s) (720124)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (Ceefax) (924281)

11.15 A Question of Rights. Sue Cameron chairs a discussion on the issues of constitutional reform raised by the *Look at the State We're In!* series (994327) **11.55 Weather** (350259)

12.00 The Industry of Culture (9030070) **12.25-12.55 Docklands Light Railway** (9040457)

5.15 BBC Select: DOH Special: Doing No Harm (r) (9433051)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (r) (12070)

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CHOICE

Hospital Watch

BBC1, 10.05am, 7.00pm, 10.10pm, 11.10pm

If the current plethora of medical dramas is any indication, these five days of live broadcasts showing the daily life of a real hospital will attract huge viewing figures. Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, is the fourth hospital to open its doors since the series began in 1986. Addenbrooke's is famous for its transplant operations so it is apt that the four daily appointments begin with a kidney donation from a mother to her 22-year-old son. The nature of these programmes' appeal is in the "there but for the grace of God" category. How would we react to life-threatening situations? Exactly who are these people with whom we trust our lives? Given the state of the NHS perhaps these programmes will become as rare as an open casualty department.

Short Stories: All That Glitters

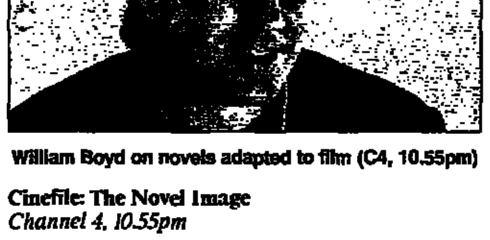
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Cabouchon is a company that makes costume jewellery and a hell of a lot of money. In the four and half years of its existence jewellery worth more than £12 million has been sold in the UK alone. It is called network marketing (not, you understand, pyramid selling) which involves individual sellers increasing their earnings by introducing new members to the network and taking a cut of their profits. Top people can earn salaries in excess of a quarter of a million a year, those at the bottom do not. The Watford housewife's party makes £15, the society dame's gathering reaps in rather more. This wry look at three women at opposite ends of the scale is the first in the latest series of documentaries made by new filmmakers.

The Music Biz

BBC2, 9.40pm

Ever since Elvis hip-swivelled in gold lamé, the musician's appeal has been defined as much by their image as their music. But has music become a case of "guitar, bass, drums, camera, lights, action" as rock idol Jon Bon Jovi suggests? The third look at different aspects of the musician versus the business concentrates on the increasingly dominant role the camera plays in the artist's career. Since the advent of 24-hour MTV the video has become the single most important avenue for the dissemination of the artist's visual image, costing more to produce than the record it promotes. A situation which, according to Billy Joel, is just plain daft.



William Boyd on novels adapted to film (C4, 10.55pm)

Cinefile: The Novel Image

Channel 4, 10.55pm

Serving as a primer to a season of films adapted from successful novels, screenwriter and novelist William Boyd looks at the stormy relationship between the writer and Hollywood. Cinema has always mined the novel as a cheap source of ready-made stories, yet the writer has never received the kind of kudos awarded to the director. According to Boyd, 75 per cent of films made are adaptations of literary works. Are these films "vivacious variants on the original", as V.S. Naipaul claimed, or botched abortions? Using clips from the movies in the season (including his script for Joyce Cary's *Mister Johnson*), Boyd argues that adaptations should be judged on their own merits as works of cinema, not merely as picture books. **Frances Lass**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (48722) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** with Bob Mills (s) (7763132) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2138650)

10.00 Step by Step (r) (s) (26766)

10.30 This Morning. Includes, at **10.50**, ITN headlines (81253056) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1937308)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2482501)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (2467292)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (25336292)

1.55 A Country Practice (s) (35071292)

2.20 Blue Heelers. Rural Australian police drama series (2766679)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (3877698)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (3876969)

3.30 Caribou Kitchen (s) (1211124) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (8130673) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (r) (2203495) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r) (Teletext) (s) (4234834) **4.40 Terror Towers** (Teletext) (s) (6080292)

5.10 After 5 with Ken Andrew (Teletext) (7385495)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (213259)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (127969)

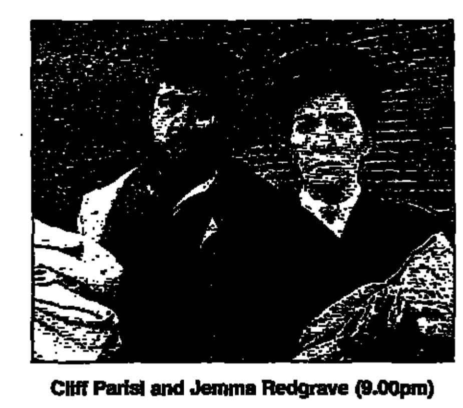
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (834)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (414)

7.00 Get a Life! Medical magazine (9211)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (698)

8.00 Pot of Gold presented by Des O'Connor, with Toyah Wilcox and Bobby Crush (6698)



Cliff Parisi and Jemma Redgrave (9.00pm)

9.00 Bramwell. Odd job man Daniel (Cliff Parisi) is on hand to help Eleanor (Jemma Redgrave) when Lady Peters brings her pregnant laundrymaid to the Thrift Infirmary. (Teletext) (s) (6834)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (74766)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (780056)

10.40 Sport in Question presented by Jimmy Greaves and Ian St John from Leeds. With panellists British rugby league international Martin Offiah, Sky Sports commentator John Bromley and former England cricketer Geoffrey Boycott (s) (751389)

11.40 NEW **Hunter.** Series about a plainclothes detective and his female partner. With Fred Dryer and Stephanie Kramer (776786)

12.40am The Twilight Zone. A tale of the supernatural (2217612)

1.10 Best of British Motorsport. Highlights from Thruxton and Silverstone presented by Chris Maughan (6672916)

1.40 Sport AM. Highlights of the 1995 Isle of Man TT races (6019815)

2.35 Quiz Night (6814167)

3.05 FILM: South Riding (1937, b/w) A wealthy landowner has an affair with a schoolmistress. Starring Ralph Richardson. Directed by Victor Saville (5011693)

4.30 The Masters of Beauty. Benetton (r) (65212419)

4.55 The Time... The Place (r) (s) (9724273)

5.30 ITN Morning News (16896). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures Of T-Rex (r) (9126389)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (66872)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (84143)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (9902292) **9.45** Ready, Set, Go (8744056) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8913327) **10.20** Place and People (9750650) **10.40** The English Programme (3404056) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (2485650) **11.15** Visual World (3446853) **11.30** Film and Video Showcase (4631501) **11.40** Breaking the Mould (9436292)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (71679)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (40940) **1.30 Mr Men** followed by **Paddington, The Wombles** and **Further Tales of the Riverbank** (r) (64201143)

1.55 Oasis. The story of a young saxophonist who finds inspiration in the Mojave desert (r) (s) (35079834)

2.20 FILM: The Duke Wore Jeans (1957, b/w) starring Tommy Steele and June Laverick. A comedy about a cheeky young Cockney who is the splitting image of an impoverished aristocrat who is being forced by his family to marry a wealthy princess. He persuades the Cockney to take his place at the altar. Directed by Gerald Thomas (953124)

3.55 Garden Club (r) (Teletext) (s) (5721563)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (211)

5.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s) (4389)

5.30 The Five Mrs Buchanans. American comedy about four wives who share the same mother-in-law from hell. (Teletext) (s) (563)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (476)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. Campus comedy. (Teletext) (s) (376)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext). Includes headlines and weather at **7.30** (764650)

7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (793768)

Claire Cecil sells costume jewellery (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Short Stories: All That Glitters...** (Teletext) (s) (6501)

8.30 Home Improvement. American sit-com series. (Teletext) (s) (2308)

9.00 The Wild West. The fifth in the six-part series focuses on Crazy Horse and General Custer and the Battle of the Little Big Horn. (Teletext) (s) (4476)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (Teletext) (s) (322489)

10.55 CHOICE **Cinefile: The Novel Image** (s) (577563)

11.25 FILM: Baby Doll (1956, b/w) starring Carroll Baker, Karl Malden and Eli Wallach. A controversial drama about the sexy child bride in an unconsummated marriage to a Southern cotton miller who is seduced for revenge by her husband's rival. Based on the Tennessee Williams play *27 Wagonloads of Cotton Nighties*. Directed by Elia Kazan (86125853)

1.35 Catholics and Sex (r) (9489322)

2.35-4.15 FILM: Confession (1955, b/w) starring Sydney Chaplin and Patrick Allen. A drama about a priest who learns the identity of a killer through the confessional and refuses to tell what he knows to the police. Directed by Ken Hughes (907148)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (2138650) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1937308) **12.55** Coronation Street (2467292) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (25336292) **2.20** Look and Cook (12321495) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6067327) **3.25-3.30 Anglia** News and Weather (3876969) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7385495) **5.50-6.00 Anglia** News and Weather (102650) **10.30 Anglia** News (780056) **10.40** The Road Show (580037) **12.10am** Grapevine (9046631) **12.40** Behind the Mask (482612) **2.30** Sport AM (4645457) **3.25** ITV Sport Classics (9607099) **4.00** The Time The Place (3993065) **4.35** Can Can Cook (65204490) **5.00** Wanted Dead or Alive (64070)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2138650) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1937308) **2.20** Can Can Cook (12321495) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6067327) **3.25-3.30** Central News (3876969) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7385495) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (103785) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (780056) **11.40** The Motor Show (725389) **12.10am** Sounds of Evidence (5465877) **4.30** Jobfinder (4084457) **5.20** Asian Eye (6536761)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2138650) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (1937308) **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (2467292) **1.25** Home and Away (28265766) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (9393582) **2.45-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (3723105) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (3876969) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7385495) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (108785) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (780056) **12.40am** Coach (2217612) **4.30-4.55** Jobfinder (65212419)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2467292) **1.25** Home and Away (25336292) **1.55** Gardening Calendar (64788292) **2.25-3.20** Highway to Heaven (5893679) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (7385495) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (414) **10.40** Spotlight (580037) **11.10** Crime Story (3515631) **4.30am** Jobfinder (65212419)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Busy Talk (64788292) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (3876969) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (414) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (780056) **10.40-11.10** [illegible] (580037)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2467292) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (25336292) **2.20-3.20** Father Dowling Investigates (2766679) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7385495) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (834) **6.30-7.00** Wild about Essex (414) **10.40** The Road Show (580037) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (9046631) **12.40** Behind the Mask (482612) **2.30** Sport AM (4645457) **3.25** ITV Sport Classics (9607099) **4.00** The Time The Place (3993065) **4.35** Can Can Cook (65204490) **5.00** Freescreen (64070)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2138650) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1946056) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1945327) **12.55** Coronation Street (2467292) **1.25** Home and Away (25336292) **1.55** Gardeners' Diary (64296292) **2.25** The Young Doctors (12320766) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (3876969) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7385495) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (64702) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News Weather (780056) **11.40** Urban Angel (344308) **12.35am** New Candid Camera (2264896) **4.30** Jobfinder (65212419)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2467292) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (25336292) **2.20** Wish You Were Here [illegible] (12321495) **2.50** Help Yourself (96360561) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (1123785) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7385495) **5.55** Calendar (460360) **6.30-7.00** One Summer in Bronte Country (414) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (780056) **10.40** The Dazzler (580037) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (6409691) **1.05am** Das Boot (77537167) **3.20** The New Music (4253983) **4.20** Jobfinder (9442544)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (66872) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (84143) **9.30** Rhaglen Schools (861960) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (71679) **12.30** The Magic Roundabout (97105) **1.00** Slot Meithrin: Caffi Sali Mali (76259) **1.30** [illegible] (36725211) **3.55** The Garden Club. Liverpool (5721563) **4.30** [illegible] (1673018) **4.45** Rocko's Modern Life (1034501) **5.00** 5 Pump Madayn (4335495) **5.10** 5 Pump [illegible] (6720105) **5.30** Fifteen To One (563) **6.00** Newyddion (847211) **6.15** Heno (8334314) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7953) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (940) **8.00** [illegible] (6501) **8.30** Newyddion (2309) **9.00** NYPD Blue (812563) **9.55** Sgorio (526329) **10.55** Roseanne (577563) **11.25** Friends (404124) **11.50** Film: Bad Day At Black Rock (583060)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (16698) **8.00** Power Rangers (14308) **8.30** Blockbusters (13679) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (21360) **10.00** Concentration (60124) **10.30** Card Sharks (38143) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (18259) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (17495) **12.30pm** Designing Women (40211) **1.00** The Waltons (45766) **2.00** Matlock (61853) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (57948341) **3.50** DJ Kat (3793766) **4.30** Power Rangers (1563) **5.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (7872) **6.00** Spellbound (2056) **6.30** Family Ties (3308) **7.00** Rescue (8501) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2292) **8.00** Hawkeye (75921) **9.00** Fire (95795) **10.00** Quantum Leap (98872) **11.00** David Letterman (266921) **11.50** LA Law (660921) **12.45am** The Untouchables (2772508) **1.30** In Living Color (48693) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (4245178) **9.30** The Trial of O.J. Simpson (8835105) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (3574230) **11.00** World News, Business (83871) **1.30pm** CBS News (47124) **2.30** The Book Show (3969) **3.30** Worldwide Report (4414) **4.00** World News, Business (64327) **5.00** Live at Five (2587037) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (864722) **7.30** O.J. Simpson (4565679) **12.30am** CBS News (5573896) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (6871693) **2.30** Parliament (41099) **4.30** CBS News (62070) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (49148)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7752785) **10.00 And Then There Was One** (1994) (15522389) **11.35 King of Kings** (1961) (72245679) **2.15pm In Like Flint** (1967) (895211) **4.15 Crimes of Passion: Victim of Love** (1993) (549370181) **6.00 Stepkids** (1991) (63360) **8.00 Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back** (1993) (71105) **10.00 Death Wish V — The Face of Death** (1993) (311056) **11.35 Malcolm X** (1992) (24789056) **2.55 Cinema of Vengeance** (1993) (1682326) **4.25-6.00 Crimes of Passion: Victim of Love** (1993) As 4.15pm (411341)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Baby Talk (4105) **2.30 Murphy Brown** (1747) **3.00 Falcon Crest** (21650) **4.00 Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell** (1968) (7056) **6.00 Fixed Bayonets** (1951) (58292) **8.00 Anne of the Thousand Days** (1969) (224872) **10.30 First Blood** (1982) (94220414) **12.10-2.00am Electra Glide in Blue** (1973) (588235)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Goodbye, My Lady (1956) (22768) **8.00 Hiawatha** Animation (17312) **9.00 Ivanhoe** (1986) Cartoon (54698) **10.00 Living Free** (1972) (59969) **12.00 The Macomber Affair** (1947) (73698) **2.00pm The Mystery of Edwin Drood** (1935) (237563) **3.50 Hiawatha** As 8am (7171414) **4.45 Ivanhoe** (1986) As 9am (962037) **5.45 Mon Père Ce Héros** (1992) (85893679) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (8230) **8.00 A Few Good Men** (1992) (73725582) **10.20 Jennifer 8** (1992) (80272037) **12.25am The Music of Chance** (1993) (673877) **2.05 A Few Good Men** (1992) As 8pm (81226896) **4.20-6.00 Mon Père Ce Héros** (1992) As 5.45pm (242148)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Max Out (42230) **7.30** Watersports World (90495) **8.30** National Karate (17414) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (64476) **10.00** Gillette World Sport Special (99650) **10.30** International Challenge Football: Sweden v Brazil (78785) **12.30pm** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (998230) **3.30** European PGA Golf (53501) **4.30** Windsurfing Tour (5921) **5.00** WWF Mania (8766) **6.00** Watersports World (76211) **7.00** The Winning Post. Live from Thirsk and Beverly (39766) **9.00** Ryder Cup Countdown (96835) **9.30** 101 Premiership Goals (24132) **10.30** NBA Basketball Finals Preview (69309) **11.30** Windsurfing Tour (95834) **12.00** Powerboat World (88051) **12.30am** Ryder Cup Countdown (50780) **1.00-2.00** 101 Premiership Goals (54709)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Rugby (85563) **8.30** Indycar (13722) **9.30** Touring Car (82872) **10.00** Live Tennis (450143) **6.45pm** Mini News (613476) **7.00** Speedworld (24834) **9.00** Tennis (26679) **10.00** Athletics (29766) **11.00** Eurogolf Magazine (20018) **12.00-12.30am** Mini News (80419)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (8551495) **8.30** Peyton Place (8550766) **9.00** As the World Turns (6875230) **10.00** Guiding Light (5520114) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4170673)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Hawaii (8554582) **12.30pm** Boomerang (6715766) **1.00** Ticket to Paradise (75200941) **1.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (5714037) **2.00** Getaway (5663124) **2.30** On Top of the World (2721698) **3.00** To the Ends of the Earth (3098766) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (2705650) **4.30** Wide World of Kids (2701834) **5.00** Travelers (5654476) **5.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (2725414) **6.00** On Top of the World (2722327) **6.30** American Vacation (4363308) **7.30** Getaway — Australia (2702563) [illegible] (5643360) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide [illegible] **9.00** Globetrotter [illegible] **9.30** American Vacation [illegible] **10.30** [illegible] (5571259) **11.00** American Trail [illegible] **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe [illegible]

Denzel Washington as Malcolm X (Sky Movies, 11.35pm)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting [illegible] **9.30** Simply Delicious [illegible] **10.00** Running Repairs [illegible] **10.30** [illegible] Stones (5439327) [illegible] (5822327) **12.00** Discovering Psychology (5431259) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious [illegible] **1.30** The Joy of Painting [illegible] **2.00** Jimmy's (4686495) **2.30** Man in a Woman's World (3134501) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden [illegible] **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs [illegible]

UK GOLD

7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (8829230) **7.30** Neighbours [illegible] **8.00** Sons and Daughters [illegible] **8.30** EastEnders (5411921) **9.00** The Bill (5435501) **9.30** Paul Temple (7742766) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (18772056) **11.35** Going for Gold (63540969) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5422037) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9414582) **1.00** EastEnders (9826501) **1.30** The Bill (9413853) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (4688853) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (3143259) **3.00** Knots Landing (6163327) **4.00** Dallas (6142834) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8121495) **5.35** Dick Emery (8949872) **6.50** Hi-De-Hi (9748698) **6.30** EastEnders (3126940) **7.00** Secret Army (5831766) **8.00** The Dawson Watch (4675389) **8.30** Naked Video (4667124) **9.00** A Sense of Guilt (5820650) **10.00** The Bill (5423766) **10.30** Top of the Pops (5596292) **11.10** Alas Smith and Jones (4235389) **11.50** Dr Who (6931105) **12.20am** FILM: Great Expectations (1946). Classic David Lean adaptation of the Dickens novel, with John Mills, Valerie Hobson and Bernard Miles (47212506) **2.25** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (70671) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (75143) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (54650) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (83037) **8.30** Super Mario (5654414) **8.45** Casper (5659969) **9.00** Sesame Street (27582) **10.00** Tiny TCC (28698) **12.00** Madeline (86124) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (19056) **2.30** Barney (7921) **3.00** Dinobabies (9414) **3.30** Sonic (9766) **4.00** California Dreams (1501) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (7785)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickelwel (5734414) **7.15** Magic School Bus (117230) **7.45** Rugrats (116501) **8.15** Doug (292495) **8.45** Nickelwel (3887853) **9.00** Nick Junior (971563) **12.00** Denver (40308) **12.30pm** Mission Top Secret (66834) **1.00** School of the Week (49143) **1.30** Dungeons and Dragons (65105) **2.00** Chipmunks (6921) **2.30** Gute (3327) **3.00** The Magic School Bus (5056) **3.30** Rude Dog (9872) **4.00** Alex Mack (4679) **4.30** Rugrats (3563) **5.00** Clarissa (4871) **5.30** Pete and Pete (7143) **6.00** Doug (4056) **6.30-7.00** Odyssey (5308)

DISCOVERY

4.00am The Global Family (3125853) **4.30** Crawl into My Parlour (3121037) **5.00** Fire! (4677747) **5.30** Spirit of Survival (3112389) **6.00** Invention (7089056) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (6390018) **7.30** Skybound (3122786) **8.00** Moon Shot (5548056) **9.00** The Nature of Things (5828292) **10.00** Classic Wheels (5838679) **11.00-12.00** Bodyguards

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. *The Glass Menagerie* (1950) Kirk Douglas and Jane Wyman star in this adaptation of the Tennessee Williams play (8043582) **2.00** The Avengers (8031747) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (4692056) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (3133872) **4.00** FILM. And Then There Were None (1975). Agatha Christie's murder-mystery with Oliver Reed (4698872) **6.00** Death Valley Days (3139056) **6.30** Man in a Suitcase (5202747) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (3119292) **8.00** The Avengers (5835582) **9.00** The New Avengers (5822018) **10.00** FILM: Car Trouble (1985) Comedy starring Julie Walters (9842582) **11.45-12.00** Muffin the Mule (2506582)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (8082056) **7.00** Living Magazine (6982143) **9.00** On the House (3674785) **9.30** Kate and Allie (6023143) **10.05** The Treatment (6834853) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (87869940) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (9940292) **11.55** The Simple Programme **12.00** Kilroy (1073230) **12.55pm** Masterchef (8427018) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (3323563) **2.00** Agony Hour (6286563) **3.00** Living Magazine (3989308) **4.00** Infatuation (7740563) **4.30** Crosswits (2697969) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (59123105) **5.30** The Reluctant Cook (2251209) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (8203056) **6.30** Brookside (8309211) **7.05** Crosswits (5186872) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (3757921) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3317476) **8.55** The Simple Programme **9.00** FILM: Jealousy: Three stories starring Angie Dickinson (15660143) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (3662835) **11.00** Brookside (3992872) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (6291018)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (1259) **5.30** Teen Win, Lose or Draw (8037) **6.00** My Two Dads (8650) **6.30** Catchphrase (2230) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (1495) **7.30** Road to Avonlea (90921) **8.30** Home to Roost (9650) **9.00** Neon Rider (82259) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (87853) **10.30** The Adventures of Tintin (86501) **11.00** Lou Grant (51563) **12.00** Zorro (46099) **12.30am** Evening Shade (18728) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (44934) **1.30** Rhoda (42457) **2.00** Neon Rider (50148) **3.00** Lou Grant (14983) **4.00** Rhoda (85231) **4.30-6.00** Zorro (97419)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (79457) **6.30** The Grind (57259) **7.00** 3 from 1 (7477834) **7.15** Wildside (2671940) **8.00** VJ Ingo (887650) **11.00** Soul (72056) **12.00** Greatest Hits (23143) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (29873) **2.00** 3 from 1 (29002155) **2.15** Afternoon Mix (3898747) **3.00** Cinematic (1666230) **3.15** Afternoon Mix (3334501) **4.00** MTV News (8868879) **4.15** Afternoon Mix (8674230) **4.30** Dial MTV (9143) **5.00** Hit List UK (78747) **7.00** Greatest Hits (55105) **8.00** MTV Unplugged with Melissa Etheridge (64853) **9.00** The Real World 1 (44501) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (24872) **10.00** MTV News (875495) **10.15** Cinematic (883650) **10.30** First Look (65489) **11.00** The End? (48308) **12.30am** The Grind (10186) **1.00** Soul (98167) **2.00** Videos (7270761)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (8970835) **9.00** Café VH-1 (5612094) **12.00** The Bridge (5736259) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (5712679) **2.00** Heart and Soul (3645940) **3.00** Into the Music (2363308) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4973327) **6.15** Prime Cuts (4961582) **6.30** VH-1 to 1: Bruce Springsteen (2715037) **7.00** VH-1 for You (4580389) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (4593853) **10.00** The Bridge (4572360) **11.00** The Nightfly (4545834) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (8877964) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Alif Laila (61059747) **7.30** Kya Scene Hai europe (61061582) **8.00** Asian Morning (56242056) **9.00** Newsearch (33874673) **9.30** Urdu Serial (10356894) **10.00** Public Demand (61067766) **11.00** Andaz (66737259) **11.30** Film Chakker (66798360) **12.00** Campus (19474817) **12.30pm** Khubsoorat (10350650) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Prem Paigham (80041582) **4.00** Urdu Serial: Grift (66711211) **6.00** Junglee Toofan Tyre Puncture (74430872) **6.30** Song Tere Naam Se (94178308) **6.00** Gujurati Serial: Vijn Na Chamko Monra (94158921) **6.30** Campus (94182501) **7.00** Galaxzee (74427308) **7.30** Parampara (94188785) **8.00** News, Zee TV and U (74436056) **8.30** Yule Love Stories (74415563) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Joshilay (63275582)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm Beware, My Lovely (1952) (83583066) **9.00pm Comrade X** (1940) (78109768) **11.00 In Our Time** (1944) (78635768) **12.55am The Only Way** (1970) (39064506) **2.25-3.50 Tomorrow We Live** (1943) (60650167)

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Union seeks ban on AGM proxy voting

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

COMPANY law in Britain needs to be changed to prevent proxy shareholder voting, the GMB general union declared at its annual conference in Brighton yesterday. *The call came as the* union announced a shortlist of companies against which it intends to take legal action over unauthorised political donations.

The steps announced by the GMB follow the row over shareholders' votes at last week's British Gas annual meeting, and are the furthest *any organisation has yet gone* towards legal moves against institutional investors.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, said that events at British Gas, at which large shareholders' proxies were used to vote down moves not to reappoint Cedric Brown, the chief executive, after the row over his 75 per cent pay rise, were the clearest evidence that the power of institutional shareholders are *being "widely abused".*

Acknowledging parallels that have been drawn between trade unions' block votes, which are now being reformed, and the block voting of institutional shareholders, Mr Edmonds said: "We are familiar with block-voting. But we block-vote on the basis of individual people. We are *less familiar with people* block-voting in their own interests on the basis of shares."

Insisting that block and proxy shareholder voting was in urgent need of reform, Mr Edmonds made it clear the union would be pressing a future Labour government to introduce new legal measures requiring votes at company AGMs to be cast by shareholders themselves rather than on their behalf by direc*tors of the company.*

He said: "The practice of handing millions of votes to company directors should be made illegal." In addition, the votes of all shareholders should be recorded and open to public scrutiny, as union block votes were.

The GMB, which will now ask its 1,500 representatives on *companies' occupational pension* schemes to push for clear policy decisions at company AGMs — especially in the privatised utilities — on such issues as top executives' pay, confirmed it is to take legal action against company donations to political parties that have not been authorised by shareholder ballots.

After consulting extensively with lawyers, the union is to mount a large-scale legal campaign on the issue, drawing in financial and other support from other trade unions.

GMB leaders will next month name companies against which it is to bring legal action. Those on its shortlist could include a con*struction company,* with the GMB holding shares in Taylor Woodrow and Tarmac; a multinational — GMB holds shares in RTZ and BAT; an engineering firm — the GMB has shares in Cable & Wireless, GKN, Vickers and BAe; and a financial services or retail company — it has holdings in GRE, Asda, Boots and *Legal & General.*

After studying companies' articles of association, GMB leaders and the union's lawyers are convinced that few have any specific sanction for political donations beyond vague statements of aims, and that few if any have had their political donations authorised by shareholders. Mr Edmonds said: "Our campaign will expose the Square Mile mandarins who control billions of pounds and wield enormous power . . . We were *promised a share-owning democracy* but what we have is a backroom autocracy."

Outcry expected on power profits

By Philip Pangalos

A STORM of protest from politicians and consumer *groups is expected this* week when Seeboard, the electricity company serving the South East, starts the industry's reporting season by announcing bumper profits and a big rise in its dividend payout.

Seeboard starts the privatised electricity companies' reporting season tomorrow, with analysts predicting that dividend increases from companies in the electricity sector will range from 20 to 25 per cent over the coming weeks.

The City expects Seeboard's final pre-tax profits to advance by about 17 per cent to between £147 million and £154 million, against £131.7 million previously, while the total dividend is forecast to rise by nearer 20 per cent, more then five times the rate of inflation.

The electricity companies have prospered since privatisation, reaping huge rewards from cost reductions and the financial benefits of widespread job cuts.

But consumer groups have voiced vociferous complaints as the power firms continue to turn in bumper profits, boost their dividend payouts and pay generous rewards to directors instead of cutting their prices further or giving substantial rebates to their customers.

Further news is also awaited on how Britain's twelve regional electricity companies will allocate their shares in the National Grid Company, which distributes power over its network of cables and pylons.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Supermarket shelves were made ready over the weekend to cope with the bigger crop from British growers

Field day for British strawberry

By Neil Bennett

THE strawberry season begins today with signs that it will be an outstanding success *for British growers and a* boost to the balance of trade.

Britain's growers have seen off foreign competition in the past two years with new growing techniques and new varieties. As a result, supermarkets such as Tesco are now stocking home-grown strawberries instead of Spanish or French rivals.

Sales of British strawberries rose 26 per cent to £73 million between 1991 and 1993. Foreign imports have fallen 12 per cent over the same period. This year, turnover of British produce is expected to rise to a new record.

The success is attributable to large growers such as Plantsman in Suffolk, which have increased greenhouse acreage to ensure the crop reaches the shops early in the year to compete with imports.

Supermarkets spent the weekend preparing their shelves for the influx.

Minimum wage 'will not threaten jobs'

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE political battle over the likely *impact of a minimum* wage will receive fresh ammunition tomorrow with the publication of a survey showing that 86 per cent of personnel chiefs believe a pay floor of £4.10 an hour would not cost jobs in their organisation.

But the survey, carried out for *Personnel Today* magazine, *showed that, even so,* a small majority believed it would cost jobs in the wider economy.

Hostility to the minimum wage varies considerably according to the type of organisation, the study found.

Overall, 57 per cent of personnel chiefs at the 325 companies and public-sector bodies surveyed said they thought a minimum wage would cost jobs across industry as a whole.

But fears of job losses were *much greater among managers* in the private sector, especially in transport and manufacturing. Personnel *chiefs in the public services* had fewer fears: 65 per cent believed a minimum wage would not lead to job cuts in the wider economy.

More than 40 per cent of personnel heads in retailing and banking also suggested that there would not be an adverse impact.

The Confederation of Brit*ish Industry, the employers'* organisation, has argued strongly that introducing a minimum wage of £4.10 an hour, the rate favoured by trade unions, is undesirable.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, the confederation's president, said that although this was "superficially attractive," if the Government wanted to intervene in labour markets, "it would be better to give direct subsidies to employers".

Meanwhile, a new survey of the key April pay round shows *that basic increases have been* held at 3 per cent, dampening fears that an inflationary spiral may be triggered by rising wage settlements.

The survey, from the Industrial Relations Services agency, shows that average pay settlements have been stable for five months, and still remain below the level of inflation.

More than 60 per cent of companies are handing employees higher settlements *than a year ago, but pressure* remains subdued.

Pay rises are even smaller in the public sector, where they average around 2.5 per cent.

April is one of the busiest months of the year for pay settlements, with about a third of all companies fixing salary increases for staff at the start of the financial year.

Despite the low level of settlements, the Industrial Relations Services agency sounds a warning. "If inflationary pressure continues to *increase, it is likely that pay* rises will eventually nudge up," it said.

Majority of UK firms hit by fraud

By Our Business Staff

MORE than two-thirds of British companies admit they have suffered fraud, and more than half believe it is still going on, according to a survey from Control Risks, the international security consultant, and *Security Gazette.*

The survey lays most of the blame for fraud with company employees. Sixty per cent of frauds are perpetrated by management, with middle management the most common offenders, according to the survey.

The report, one of the most *substantial surveys of fraud* in recent years, shows the vulnerability of companies to white-collar crime. Nigel Blackman, editor of *Security Gazette,* said: "In the past decade most organisations have made efforts to improve their physical security, but our report indicates that not enough has been done to prevent fraud."

Paradoxically, the report shows that 86 per cent of British businessmen think their company's fraud control mechanisms are effective even though 51 per cent of those who have experienced fraud before think it may still be taking place. And 45 per cent think fraud is likely to take place in their firm in the future.

"The fact that management is responsible for 60 per cent of fraud is not a surprise," said *John Conyngham,* head of Control Risks' corporate resolution division. "In most cases they have the opportunity and the means to deceive deliberately."

Of the fraud, 30 per cent takes place in finance departments, where even relatively junior managers have access to substantial funds and can *often devise ways of diverting* them to their own pockets. Control Risks advises companies to keep a close watch on the lifestyles of their employees for any signs of unusual extravagance.

The report believes companies are still too relaxed. Mr Conyngham said: "The inherent contradiction in these results clearly demonstrates a 'not in my back yard' feeling. There is a clear indication that companies, while willing to acknowledge the scale of the *problem, are reluctant to face* up to the lack of safeaguards in their own organisations."

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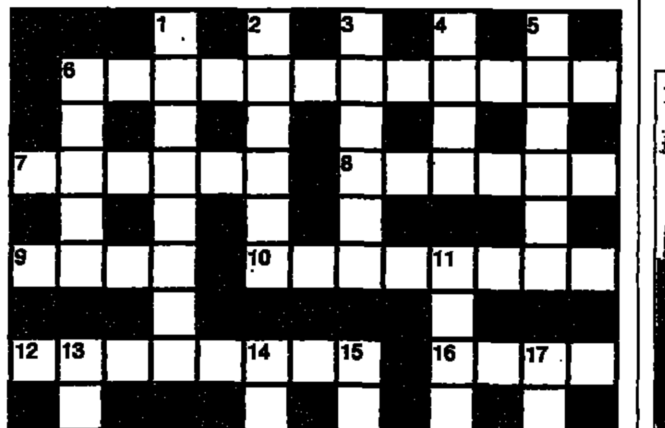

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Norman sitting on £2.3m profit

By Sarah Bagnall

Norman: likely to hold

ARCHIE NORMAN, chief executive at Asda, the supermarket group, could take a £2.3 million instant profit any day he chooses if he decides to exercise more than 4 million share options he has been granted since he joined the retailer in 1991.

The news comes as it emerged over the weekend that the Greenbury Committee on executive pay is likely to call for share options to be abolished and replaced by long-term bonuses. Last week Boots became *the first company* in the FT-SE 100 index to abolish share options, prompted by Sir Michael Angus, its chairman, a member of the Greenbury Committee.

Mr Norman, 41, gained the *right to exercise his options* over 4,625,047 Asda shares on March 31. They are exercisable at 36p a share, compared with Asda's closing share *price* on Friday of 86p. If he chooses to subscribe for Asda shares now he would make a 50p profit on each of the 4.6 million shares. Phil Cox, finance director, could make a £1 million profit if he exercises 2 million of his options on the same terms.

However, both Mr Norman and Mr Cox have until March *4, 2002 before the options* expire and, given that Asda's share price is on an upward track, they are likely to wait before exercising their rights.

Mr Norman, a former partner at McKinsey & Co, the management consultant, and finance director at Kingfisher, joined Asda in 1991 when it was seen as one of the walking wounded in the grocery trade. *It was struggling under* £1 billion of debt, old stores, capital expenditure lagging its rivals and inadequate systems. Reflecting this, its shares dropped from a ten-year high of 178p, in July 1987, to a low of 23p in August 1992. Since then the shares have clambered back to 86p. Mr Norman, educated at Charter*house and Cambridge, is the* driving force behind Asda's turnaround. Annual pre-tax profits have risen from £87 million in the year to April 30, 1992 to £201 million in the year to April 30, 1994.

Big Six accountants pull away

By Robert Bruce

BRITAIN'S second division accountancy firms are losing ground to the "Big Six" international firms, according to figures to be published today.

The annual figures, leaked at the weekend, *show most* firms struggling for fee-income growth. The main exception was BDO Stoy Hayward, with a 22.7 per cent rise to £95.7 million, after it picked up regional offices when the main offices of Binder Hamlyn joined Arthur Andersen.

Other firms, like Grant Thornton, trod water with fee rises this year matching income falls reported last year. Kidson Impey is reporting a 2.8 per cent fall in income to £54.1 million, despite the improving economic climate.

For the Big Six firms, which are due to report today, much will depend on how far the dismal growth figures for the previous year have been transformed as the economy moves out of recession. In the 1993-94 figures, Coopers & Lybrand and KPMG, the top two firms, could only manage *1.3 per cent and 1.4 per cent* growth rates. Unless they have managed significant growth they may lose the top spot to Arthur Andersen.

Andersen produced a phenomenal growth figure of 11.7 per cent in their 1993-94 figures and moved past Ernst & Young into the third place *slot last year. In the past year,* Andersen has almost merged with Binder Hamlyn, which in 1993-94 would have given the two firms a combined fees figure of £540 million. This would have left them not far behind Coopers & Lybrand, the number one firm, on £560 million. If Andersen's growth *rate over the past year has* been much faster than Cooper's, it may become the top firm on today's figures.

The figures for all the top firms are also expected to show considerable growth in tax work which has expanded rapidly over the past year. "Tax," one senior partner said last week, "is booming."

The other area of interest will be in how far the top six firms are pulling away. Last year, Touche Ross, smallest of the Big Six firms, was still pulling in more than three *times the fees of Grant Thornton,* the next firm on the list.

Accountancy firms results 1994/95

	Fee income (£m)	Chng 1994/95 (%)	Fees per partner (£000)
Grant Thornton	114.0	6.1	535
BDO Stoy Hayward	95.7	22.7	418
Pannell Kerr Forster	80.1	0.5	474
Clark Whitehill	57.5	7.3	249
Kidson Impey	54.1	-2.8	381
Moore Stephens	44.6	1.6	312
Robson Rhodes	40.6	10.9	580
Neville Russell	33.6	1.2	386
Moores Rowland	31.4	1.7	334
Baker Tilly	29.1	2.1	434

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